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Before the House Committee on OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 8:30 AM State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of HOUSE BILL 606 RELATING TO FISHING RIGHTS

House Bill 606 proposes to establish a ten year moratorium on the taking of aquarium fish, and provide assistance, training, and related employment services to workers dislocated by the moratorium. The Department of Land and Natural Resources ("Department") opposes this measure.

The Department has required commercial aquarium collectors to report monthly fishing effort information under Section 189-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) for over forty years. The Department has also collected extensive underwater visual survey data on the status of reef fishes along the Kona coast of Western Hawaii island for over fifteen years. A report of these surveys has been submitted to the 2015 Legislature in compliance with Section 188F-5, HRS. These data indicate that the aquarium fishery is currently operating at a level that does not indicate significant population declines and major shifts in species diversity in areas where collecting is occurring.

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February 10, 2015

TESTIMONY OF KIPUKAI KUALI'I COUNCILMEMBER, KAUA'I COUNTY COUNCIL ON

HB 606, RELATING TO FISHING RIGHTS
House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs
Wednesday, February 11, 2015
8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 325

Dear Chair Ing and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments on HB 606, Relating to Fishing Rights. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee Chair and as an individual Councilmember on the Kauaʻi County Council.

HB 606 establishes a 10-year moratorium on the taking of aquarium fish and provides assistance, training, and related employment services to workers dislocated by the moratorium. Our critical reef habitats serve as one the world's largest sources of marine life for aquarium hobbyist. Due to the numerous commercial and recreational permits granted, the threat of over-exploitation and over-fishing are high. Many of the marine inhabitants that are collected take years to recover and their harvesting poses a significant threat to the long-term stability of these reef ecosystems. Studies have shown that there are significant decreases in many fish varieties found in Hawai'i's waters, including the Yellow Tang. Though HB 606 establishes a 10-year moratorium, I would like to ask the Committee to consider amending the bill to establish a full ban on the taking of aquarium fish or aquatic life. Please do all that you can to protect this critical habitat now so that future generations may enjoy and experience what Hawai'i has to offer.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly encourage the House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs to amend this measure to establish a full ban on the taking of aquarium fish and aquatic life. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

KIPUKAI KUALI'I

Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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HB606

Submitted on: 2/10/2015

Testimony for OMH on Feb 11, 2015 08:30AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization		Present at Hearing
Inga Gibson	Humane Society of the US- Hawaii	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: Dear Chair Ing, Vice-Chair Lowen and Committee Members: We support the intent of HB606 to provide support to those transitioning out of the aquarium collection trade but strongly prefer HB873 to prohibit the trade which is not contingent upon such funding. Also, it remains unknown if our reefs, and our fragile reef fish, can recover adequately within the proposed 10 year moratorium period. Thank you for consideration of this testimony. Inga Gibson Hawaii Director The Humane Society of the United States Humane Society International 808.354.3211

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Reef Rescue Alliance P.O. Box 3163, Honolulu, HI 96802

House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs; Hearing on 2.11.2015; 8:30 am

Testimony on HB606 Relating to Fishing Rights -- IN SUPPORT w/ Amendments

Aloha Honorable Chair Ing, Vice-Chair Lowen, and Committee Members,

My name is Rene Umberger and as the founder of For the Fishes and co-founder of the Reef Rescue Alliance, I am testifying in support of HB606 if it is amended to extend the temporary moratorium to a permanent ban. Reasons supporting HB873, the bill banning the aquarium trade, hold true for HB606, as well, and so are presented here as well. There is broad consensus that it's in Hawaii's best interest to no longer ship off our fishes and creatures for a mainland hobby, because they're needed here to restore and protect our reefs for current and future generations.

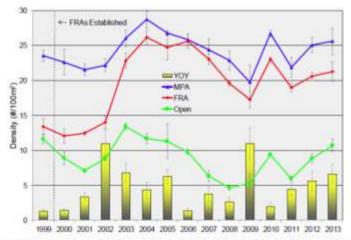
The environmental and other costs are substantial and evident in both anecdotal and scientific reports (examples attached), while the economic benefits are few. With DLNR's limited resources, ending the trade is the fiscally responsible thing to do. By permanently banning sales of reef wildlife for aquarium purposes, HB606 would free up resources while also triggering Federal enforcement help via the Lacey Act which makes it unlawful to sell wildlife taken or sold in violation of any state law.

A legislative solution is needed because the environmental, cultural and ethical concerns voiced by the broader communities have not been addressed in the rules recently adopted and proposed by DLNR. The October resignation of the department's aquatics administrator, and his reasons for opposing aquarium rules forwarded to board, confirm the need for a legislative solution.

The call to end the aquarium trade has repeatedly surfaced since 1973 when the first moratorium was shelved for "more studies". More recently, in 2010/11, a statewide ban was requested by Hawaii and Kauai County Council resolutions and by Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa—all disagreeing with DLNR's assessment that the AQ trade is "sustainable". Maui County passed two laws to restrict and regulate aquarium trade operations, and Hawaii County Council is currently considering the same. In each case, county officials and lawmakers have repeated the mantra: these measures are a start, but not enough when a ban is what's needed.

I thank you again and urge your support of this important bill that puts Hawaii's needs first.

Mahalo, Rene Umberger Reef Rescue Alliance For the Fishes State data reveals millions of Yellow Tangs and Kole missing from West Hawaii reefs open to the aquarium trade.¹

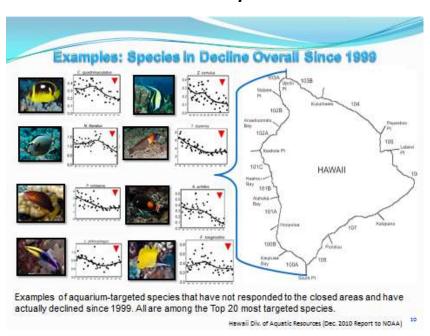


AQ interests focus attention on areas protected from AQ collection. Then they state that fish are plentiful.

AQ trade opponents focus on areas of AQ activity: 2/3^{rds} of West Hawaii reefs are open to collection and show significant depletion. Science and anecdotal evidence align: millions of fish are missing from West Hawaii reefs.

Figure 6. Overall changes in Yellow Tang abundance (Mean ± SE) in FRAs, MPAs and Open areas, 1999-2013. Yellow vertical bars indicate mean density (May -Nov) of Yellow Tang Young-of-Year (YOY). YOY are not included in trend line data

Additional impacts: at least 10 of the top 20 most targeted species have not responded to increase in protected areas and have actually decreased in West Hawai'i since 1999.



The aquarium trade reports taking 1.8X the number of reef fishes taken by recreational, subsistence and other commercial fishers <u>combined</u>.³

Yellow Tangs and Kole are herbivores, a critically important fish family that is depleted by about half on 99% of West Hawaii reefs.⁴

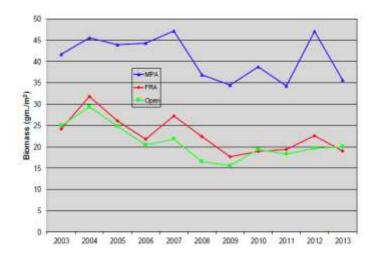
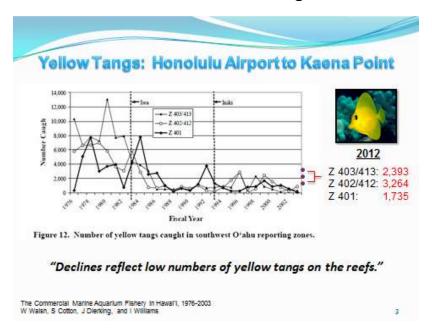


Figure 28. Overall change in herbivore biomass in FRA, MPA and open areas 2003-2013. Note WHAP fish sizing commenced in 2003

Over half of the state's reefs are now dominated by algae, including numerous study sites in West Hawaii, which also show decreases in coral cover and the coral building block, coralline algae.⁵

Over-harvesting by the Oahu aquarium trade caused the collapse of yellow tangs on SW Oahu reefs 30 years ago. Those populations have not rebounded. Today's yellow tang abundance is at least 70% lower than it was decades ago.⁶



DAR's former administrator, Frazer McGilvray, resigned over the pseudo-science informing management of the aquarium trade on Oahu.⁷

- "The majority of yellow tang taken by the trade are immature and have not contributed to the future of the species. The take of juveniles is generally prohibited."
- "The proposal to allow take of 100 immature yellow tang per person per day, is driven by the demands of the trade and is contrary to good natural resource management. There appears to be no scientific basis for the proposed bag limits for each species."
- "The proposed rule is akin to setting a speed limit at 400 MPH."
- o Community concerns were completely ignored.
- o The BLNR approved the rule package, despite his expert testimony in opposition.
- NOTE: West Hawaii has NO LIMIT on the take of immature yellow tang in the 2" 4.5" range

¹ Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawai'i, 2014. Report on the Findings and Recommendations of Effectiveness of the West Hawai'i Regional Fishery Management Area

² Division of Aquatic Resources, Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawai'i, 2010. *Long-Term Monitoring of Coral Reefs of the Main Hawaiian Islands*. Final Report, 2009 NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, State of Hawai'i Monitoring Report, 10/1/2006 – 09/30/2010

³ Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawai'i, 2014. *Report on the Findings and Recommendations of Effectiveness of the West Hawai'i Regional Fishery Management Area*⁴ Ibid

⁵ Kittenger, J. 2014, quoted in http://westhawaiitoday.com/news/local-news/study-reveals-good-bad-news-about-algae-coral-communities re: Jouffray et al. 2014. *Identifying multiple coral reef regimes and their drivers across the Hawaiian archinelago*

⁶ Walsh, W. 2004. *The Commercial Marine Aquarium Fishery in Hawai'i 1976-2003* in Status of Hawai'i's coastal fisheries in the new millennium, revised. 2004. A.M. Friedlander (ed.) Proceeding of the 2001 fisheries symposium sponsored by the American Fisheries Society, Hawai'i Chapter, Honolulu, Hawai'i

⁷ F. McGilvray in testimony submitted to the BLNR thirty minutes after no longer being a state employee on Oct. 24, 2014.





TESTIMONY OF QUALITY MARINE IN OPPOSITION TO HB 606 For Consideration of The Hawaii State Legislature House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

February 9, 2015

Dear Honorable Members of the Hawai'i State Legislature, please take into consideration our comments opposing HB 606, which establishes a 10 year moratorium on the taking of aquarium fish.

Quality Marine is one of the largest and longest-standing marine ornamentals businesses in the United States. For nearly 40 years, Quality Marine has imported and distributed live aquatic species for the public aquarium, education, research, and retail sectors. Quality Marine is a strong advocate of responsible aquarium keeping, supports sensible science-based regulations governing the trade in live aquatic species and sound scientific management of fisheries. We are proponents of the IUCN guidelines on Sustainable Use, and operate in alignment with those ideals. Quality Marine is an advocate for the well-being and humane treatment of the aquatic species in our trade and work with suppliers that share similar standards.

Since the Establishment of the West Hawaii's FRA system in 1999 under act 306, the aquarium fishery became the most highly regulated and studied near-shore fishery in the state. Act 306, which prescribes a 5 year review of the status of the fishery, has yielded very favorable results, which continue to trend in a positive direction. By the States' own DLNR admission, populations of the most targeted aquarium species, Yellow Tang and Kole Tang have increased significantly statewide. Increasing populations despite continued harvest is the definition of sustainability.

Additional recent regulations such as the rules package which include daily bag limits for Achilles Tang, slot limits for other species, and a white-list which narrowed collectible species dramatically should yield similarly positive results for Hawaii's fish populations and diversity. The recent passing of additional rules on Oahu will also further regulate the AQ fishery there. These sensible, strategic approaches, based in science rather than emotion, are right for Hawaii's aquarium fishery. Responsible operators welcome healthy regulations that foster healthy habitat conditions, healthy fish populations, and ultimately a viable and sustainable aquarium fishery. We have regularly supported sensible regulation of this nature.

This past year 2014 was by all accounts a banner year for aquarium fish recruitment in both West Hawaii and on Oahu. Despite continued aquarium fishing activity, fish populations are among their highest levels. These are indicators that the AQ fishery not impacting breeding populations of the most targeted species, that the overall resource is robust and that the habitat is healthy.

In contrast to recent sensible regulatory activity, placing a ten year moratorium on the aquarium fishery is an unnecessary action to take for what is a well-managed, highly regulated and studied fishery. A fishery which, by the States own accounts, is becoming increasingly sustainable, increasingly healthy, and is likely the best understood fishery in the State.

We appreciate the opportunity to voice our opposition to HB 606.

Respectfully,

G. Christopher Buerner, Quality Marine



TESTIMONY OF THE PET INDUSTRY JOINT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN **AFFAIRS IN OPPOSITION TO HB 606** To be heard February 11th at 8:30 AM

February 9, 2015

The Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC) appreciates the opportunity to offer our views regarding HB 606, a bill that would place a 10 year moratorium on fishing for the aquarium trade, to the House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs. As the country's largest pet trade association, representing the interests of all segments of the pet industry throughout the United States, PIJAC counts among its members national associations, organizations, corporations and individuals involved in the commercial pet trade. More specifically, PIJAC represents the interests of pet stores, suppliers, distributors, pet supply manufacturers, breeders, retailers and pet owners throughout the state of Hawaii and across the country.

Let me start by saying that nobody cares more about healthy and safe pets than do PIJAC and our members. We have for many years provided a well-respected animal care certification program that is widely utilized by not only persons in the commercial pet trade but shelters, humane societies and institutes of higher education as well. Our association has long been recognized as the voice for a responsible pet trade, and we routinely advocate legislative and regulatory proposals establishing governmental mandates where appropriate to advance the public interest and welfare of pets and the environment. PIJAC works closely with US Department of Agriculture and Department of the Interior to ensure effective enforcement of the federal Animal Welfare Act, management of threatened or endangered species and control of invasive species, and have since its inception. We regularly work with federal and state agencies as well as local governments to advance animal welfare and environmental interests.

In this case, a moratorium would be no less destructive than a ban. The idea that the state of Hawaii would kill an entire trade and shut down Hawaiian businesses that have been responsibly operating for decades is unfathomable. The idea that this legislation offers job retraining for people who have had businesses built over generations closed despite the proven fact that they were doing no harm to the environment is, frankly, dismissive of all the efforts, risks and financial commitments that it took to build these businesses.

HB606 asserts that the risk of over-exploitation of marine species is high. In fact, the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) found that the West Hawaii "no-aquarium collecting" Fish Replenishment Areas (FRAs), implemented in 1999, have been very successful in increasing populations of Yellow Tang (Zebrasoma flavescens) the most heavily targeted aquarium fish accounting for 84% of the total catch. Fifteen years after closure, the population of Yellow Tang has increased 64.5% in the FRAs while their abundance in the Open Areas has not declined significantly." Overall Yellow Tangs have increased substantially with a current population in excess of 3.6 million fish. In fact, the DLNR, based upon the effectiveness of the West Hawai'i FRAs for aquarium fish, recommends that it establish MPAs for non-aquarium fish species. The data clearly show that Hawaii's current management practices are resulting in increased, not decreased, fish populations.

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Hawaii's aquarium industry is considered one of the best regulated near-shore fishery in the world. The DLNR, pursuant to State law, submits a report every five years to the legislature entitled "Relating to the West Hawaii Regional Fishery Management Area." The 2015 Report found that the "The Hawaii marine aquarium fishery is currently the most economically valuable commercial inshore fishery in the State with FY 2014 reported landings greater than \$2.3 million." The regulatory mechanisms covering the Hawaiian aquarium fishery supports the tenets of the sustainable use of renewable natural resources supported in the IUCN's Policy Statement on sustainable use. PIJAC strongly opposes HB606 and encourages the House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs to side with science over unfounded accusations. We ask that the committee decline to take up, or defeat, HB606.

Thank you for your consideration.

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To: Hawaii House Oceans Committee Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs Committee of the Hawaii Legislature

9th February 2015

Dear Sir

Ref: Testimony in opposition to Bill HB606 relating to the Hawaiian Ornamental Aquarium Industry

Tropical Marine Centre is Europe's largest and oldest importer of ornamental marine animals for use in the Aquarium trade. We have a long association with the **Hawaiian ornamental industry** and have been a strong supporter of a humane, sustainable and ethical aquarium trade for over 40 years.

Tropical Marine Centre was a founding supporter, data provider and financial sponsor of UNEP –WCMC's Global Marine Aquarium Database (GMAD) as well as being a founding member of the Marine Aquarium Council (MAC) and became one of the first certified livestock operations in Europe. Tropical Marine Centre maintains a close relationship with our own Government's Department of the Environment and Rural Affairs and assists with the training of CITES Wildlife Inspectors in the United Kingdom in respect of identification and handling of CITES listed corals species.

Through the collecting operations in both O'ahu and in particular Kona, which supply Tropical Marine Centre, we oppose the imposition of a 10 year moratorium on the taking of marine fish effectively outlawing the entire aquarium fishing industry. The 2015 DLNR Report to the Legislature refutes the basis of HB 606. There are NOT three hundred collector permits as stated. There is no over-exploitation of the fish collected – if there was, the aquarium trade would out of necessity, cease to exist. Further, there are no declines in species diversity as suggested. Current populations of Yellow Tang, which comprises about 84% of total catch, is estimated to currently number approximately 3.6 million fish. The entire premise of this bill is totally lacking in factual information and should be killed without question.

It is important for all stakeholders to note that the Hawaiian marine collecting businesses supplying Tropical Marine Centre already conform to the highest standards of best practice in our industry and this is reflected in the very high quality and condition of collected Hawaiian fish, and the low mortality both during transport and post transport to the UK. These mortalities are typically less than 0.1 -0.3% for the long journey from the Pacific, and the onward survivorship in our aquariums, with our retailers and with the hobbyist is very high.

Tropical Marine Centre already consider the aquarium fishery in Hawaiian to be one of the best managed and regulated of all the 42 collection areas we work with worldwide.

Yours sincerely

Paul West BSc. Hons(Zoot./Mar. Zool.)

Managing Director

www.tropicalmarinecentre.co.uk

My name is Rufus Kimura, owner of Kaiohi Tropical Fish and I oppose this bill. I was born and raised on the Island of Molokai and began collecting aquarium fish while I was still in high school. My father, who was also born and raised in Hawaii, taught me how to dive for fish and how to keep them alive and healthy. With the money I earned from diving for aquarium fish I was able to send myself to college. When I returned from college, I started Kaiohi Tropical Fish. Our company is one of the few in the world to use cutting edge technology such as closed circuit rebreathers and portable decompression chambers to collect deep-water fish in a healthy and sustainable manner. I was recently asked to give a talk at the Marine Aquarium Council of North America to an audience of thousands of people who are enthralled by Hawaii's aquatic biodiversity.

The scientific studies commissioned and carried out by the state of Hawaii show that the aquarium industry is the only sustainable local fishery. Those opposed to the aquarium industry would rather you ignore the science and facts and instead give in to their belief that this is a moral or emotional issue. Personally, I do not agree with tourism or the mass marketing of our island to outsiders, but this does not give me the right to try and push through legislation that might jeopardize the livelihoods of those involved in tourism or real estate sales. The future of the aquarium fishery, like all of Hawaii's fisheries, should be left up to the management and guidance of the state appointed custodians of the sea, the Department of Land and Natural Resources. The DLNR has checks and balances and management practices in place to insure that the nearshore reefs are not over-harvested by aquarium collectors.

Aquarium fishermen are incredibly good stewards of the sea. They know that if an area is overfished or the coral is damaged, the fish that they make their living off of will not return to that area in the future. Therefore, aquarium divers exercise great care when collecting fish. They leave large breeding pairs alone and never fully deplete an area of any type of fish. Aquarium fish have an incredibly high fecundity rate. Many of them can spawn almost every night, sending out tens of thousands of eggs. Unlike food fish that take years to reach market size, aquarium fish are more prized in the juvenile state. Most of them can be harvested in as little as four to five months of age. As soon as aquarium fishes are removed from the reef, the larvae from new spawns are already settling in to take their place.

Currently, Kaiohi Tropical Fish provides employment for eight local divers, one warehouse manager and a handful of divers in Christmas Island, Tahiti and Australia.

It is my request that you leave the management of the ocean and its resources to those who have the skills and scientific back ground to properly manage it. This should not be a knee-jerk emotional issue but a sound action plan based on scientific studies and resource management. Let the Department of Land and Natural Resources continue to do the job that they were tasked by the State of Hawaii to do. If the legislature wants to interfere within the DLNR's realm of responsibility, where will it stop? If you allow people to take away my livelihood just because they have an emotional problem with it, how is that right?

02/09/2015
John Welsh
President
Reef lovers Aquariums:
I own a small aquarium retail shop in Florida. I have been in business for 16 years. Hawaii is an amazing state and the tropical fish there are beautiful. The aquarium hobbyist and professionals love to keep fish from Hawaii. Hawaiian fish are a crucial part of the aquarium industry. The aquarium hobby and industry is a global one. Removing the fish from Hawaii from the aquarium trade would be devastating for the professional, small business and the hobbyist. If the population of certain species are on a decline from direct collection for the aquarium trade and can be proven so, reduce or remove those certain species from collection. Please do not ban the entire state from collection of tropical fish. It would be a great disaster to the hobby and most important the aquarium industry, small business and the family's it will affect.
Thank you for your consideration
John Welsh

To: Representative Kaniela Ing, Chair

Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources and Hawaiian Affairs

From: Kate Zolezzi

Date: Monday, February 9, 2015

Subject: HB606 – Relating to Fishing Rights

I am the General Manager of the Maui Ocean Center, Hawaii's Top Rated Family Attraction and the only licensed aquarium in Maui County. We currently have 120 full time and part time employees. Under Special Activity Permits issued by the State of Hawaii, aquatic life is held for education, display, propagation, and release. As such, we are very interested and have a significant stake in any action taken by this Committee which involves aquatic life.

Our company opposes HB606, a bill to establish a 10 year moratorium on the taking of aquarium fish and to provide assistance, training and related employment services to workers dislocated by the moratorium. While MOC supports efforts to protect our coastal environment, including its aquatic life, passing of this bill would result in the closure of Maui Ocean Center.

Maui Ocean Center collects marine life for the purpose of public display, propagation and education at our world class aquarium facility. We do not collect any marine life to ship or to sell which differentiates us from other aquarium collectors.

MOC believes it should be exempted from HB606 due to the nature of our permitted activities and the benefit that our facility brings to our community and the visitor industry. Along with Waikiki Aquarium and other facilities in the state of Hawaii, public aquariums are excellent resources for school children, residents and visitors to learn to respect Hawaii's marine life and become better stewards of our marine environment.

There is precedent for exempting Maui Ocean Center along with other public aquariums and exemption language already exists at the Maui County level.

I do not believe that it would be the intention of our elected lawmakers to cause the closure of these valuable facilities and to have displaced workers. Exemption language will ensure that we do not suffer the devastating consequences of HB606.

Thank you for the opportunity to address you on this proposed legislation.

Cc:

Vice Chair Nicole Lowen

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Testimony of
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on
HB606
Relating To Fishing Rights

COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 8:30am Room 325

Dear Chair Ing, Vice Chair Lowen, and Members of the Committees,

The Maui Hotel & Lodging Association (MHLA) is the legislative arm of the visitor industry. Our membership includes over 150 property and allied business members in Maui County – all of whom have an interest in the visitor industry. Collectively, MHLA's membership employs over 20,000 local residents and represents over 19,000 rooms. The visitor industry is the economic driver for Maui County. We are the largest employer of residents on the Island - directly employing approximately 40% of all residents (indirectly, the percentage increases to 75%).

MHLA <u>opposes with comments</u> HB606 that establishes a 10 year moratorium on the taking of aquarium fish. Provides assistance, training, and related employment services to workers dislocated by the moratorium. The passage of this bill would have detrimental effects on one of Maui's most beloved visitor attractions, The Maui Ocean Center.

The Maui Ocean Center is a licensed aquarium with a Special Activity Permit from the State that collects marine life for the purpose of public display, propagation and education. They do not collect any marine life to ship or to sell which differentiates then from other aquarium collectors. For this reason, MHLA suggests adding language to the Bill that would exempt Maui Ocean Center from HB606 due to the nature of their permitted activities and the benefit that their facility brings to our community and the visitor industry.

Along with Waikiki Aquarium and other facilities in the state of Hawaii, public aquariums are excellent resources for school children, residents and visitors to learn to respect Hawaii's marine life and become better stewards of our marine environment. The language as written in this Bill will cause the closure of these valuable facilities and displace employees. Exemption language will ensure that our State aquariums do not suffer the devastating consequences of HB606.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Mike Wiskoski	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: This bill is too extreme and unnecessary.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Clay Tam	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: It will be a burden on taxpayers to create and maintain such a program. Aquariums collectors contribute to our economy and the State of Hawaii. People with opinions or agendas should not take away productive peoples jobs in Hawaii. Monies generated by local companies stay in Hawaii.

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Carter Barto	Individual	Oppose	No	

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Lee Ashford	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I am a resident of the Big Island and I strongly oppose this bill. Thank you very much, Lee Ashford

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Luci Price	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I oppose this bill. The tropical fish industry in Hawaii has been closely monitored for decades. There is clear scientific data that proves that proper management provides a well-balanced and sustainable fishery. HB 606 will shut down the industry statewide without any scientific basis for doing so. Please do not pass this bill. Thank you very much for considering my comments. Luci Price

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Lee Ashford	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I am a resident of the Big Island and strongly oppose this bill. Thank you very much, Lee Ashford

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
scott	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: Aloha, I am a Dive Instructor and boat Captain living in Kona, on the Big Island. I support a well-regulated tropical fish industry in Hawaii. The aquarium fishery in Hawaii has been monitored and regulated by the State for nearly 40 years, and has proven to be sustainable. However, HB 606 will shut down the industry statewide, without any scientific basis or possibility for compromise. Furthermore, A ten-year shutdown of the industry is unjustified scientifically and morally. Is the State willing to compensate out-of-work divers with ten years of salary? Are citizens willing to foot such use of their hard-earned tax money? In the case that HB606 passes, I do not want be on the dole, and I do not want the State dictating how I should use my hard-earned money by giving be education credits or such. If this bill passes, all fishermen should be compensated, in cash, for their loss. Shutting down the industry will create economic hardships for mine and many families, as well as decreasing the State's income through lost taxes and increased welfare expenditures. And all this due to mostly non-local people and large, rich organizations from the mainland pursuing their personal vendettas. Please do not pass this bill. Mahalo, Scott Mudd

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
joseph Bussing	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I Joseph bussing, a resident of Kailua Kona, oppose house bill 606. It has already been proven by many marine biologist including Dr. Bill Walsh, of Kailua Kona that the aquarium fishery on the big island is sustainable under good management. We have been doing fish count studies for at least 10 to 15 years and have proven that the fishery is healthy and strong. The population of yellow tangs has actually increased under the new management that has been put in place.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Dale Sarver, Ph.D.	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I strongly oppose HB 606 A ten year moratorium is just another way of saying we are killing this industry. It puts a lot of people out of work and eliminates income to the State for no good reason. The aquarium fishery is not different from any other fishery or industry that extracts a natural resource. It has to be managed like all the rest and should be based on a scientific and ecological basis and not merely emotion and misinformation. DLNR, DAR, West Hawaii Fishery Council, and many academic marine biologists have, and still are, evaluating this fishery for its sustainability. All this information has substantiated its sustainability and has been submitted to the legislature. Much has been accomplished to manage this fishery and there is more to be done if DLNR and the Legislature will cooperate. There is no scientific reason to kill this fishery that supports many workers in West Hawaii especially. Resource management should not be dictated by a small but very loud group of people pushing their own personal agenda. And what related employment are these fishers to be trained? They are life-long fishers. So they are supposed to be trained in fishing for other fish? Those fisheries are mostly over-fished already. Do not kill this industry for no good scientific or economic reason.

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Tish Rothwell	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I OPPOSE HB 606

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
makani	Farming, Hunting, and Fishing Association	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I oppose this bill for the following reasons. 1) Aquarium Trade and the methods used to harvest fish is sustainable. 2) This will effectively shut down a viable small business. 3) Aquarium fishermen have very little impact on the environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Alex Mitchell	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill for the following reasons: 1. Hawai'i's aguarium industry is considered as one of if not the best regulated near-shore fishery in the world. 2. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), pursuant to State law, submits a report every 5 years to the legislature "Relating to the West Hawai'i Regional Fishery Management Area." 3. The 2015 Report found that the "The Hawai'i marine aquarium fishery is currently the most economically valuable commercial inshore fishery in the State with FY 2014 reported landings greater than \$2.3 million." 4. DLNR found that the West Hawaii "no-aquarium collecting" Fish Replenishment Areas (FRAs), implemented in 1999, have been very successful in increasing populations of Yellow Tang (Zebrasoma flavescens) -- the most heavily targeted aquarium fish accounting for 84% of the total catch. Fifteen years after closure, the population of Yellow Tang has increased 64.5% in the FRAs while its abundance in the Open Areas has not declined significantly." Overall Yellow Tangs have increased substantially with a current population in excess of 3.6 million fish. 5. DLNR, based upon the effectiveness of the West Hawai'i FRAs for aquarium fish, recommends that it establish MPAs for other fish species. 6. DNLR Aquarium 'White List' for West Hawaii of 40 species permitted for the aguarium trade is working. Fish not on the list can not be collected for the aguarium trade. Size and bag limits for three species are in place. 7. Recently an updated rules package was adopted for the Oahu ornamental aguarium fishery. 8. The regulatory mechanisms covering the Hawaiian aguarium fishery supports the tenets of the sustainable use of renewable natural resources supported in the IUCN's Policy Statement on Sustainable Use as an important conservation tool that provides people with incentives in the form of social and economic benefits as in the case of DNLR's management of the Oahu and West Hawaii fisheries. That is buttressed by DLNR's adaptive management by continually improving its management as new challenges arise. This involves monitoring, assessment and applying the results by adjusting management regimes to achieve the desired result. 9. Every responsible scientific study, and even Hawaii's own DLNR, say that the management practices currently in place have resulted in an increase in Hawaii's fish population over the last 15 years. Of all the things that affect the health of the reef and its inhabitants, fishing for the aquarium trade has the lowest impact. 10. Tourism, while essential to the Hawaiian economy, has a far greater impact than aquarium fishing does. To see tourism businesses like diving guides complain about the aquarium trade is opportunistic and somewhat hypocritical. 11. A moratorium is a nothing more than a ban. The idea that the state of Hawaii would kill an entire industry and shut down Hawaiian businesses that have been responsibly operating for decades is unfathomable. The idea that this legislation offers job retraining for people who have built business over generations closed despite the proven fact that it was doing no harm to the environment is, frankly, dismissive of all the efforts, risks and financial commitments that it took to build these businesses 12. The steps that are taken in preparing fish for

transportation are done for the safety and survivability of the fish. It makes no economic sense to intentionally engage in selling injured, infirm or sick fish. 13. Withholding food prior to shipment is a long accepted husbandry practice well documented in the literature as well as recommended in the International Air Transport Association Live Animals Regulations to eliminate harm from exposing the fish to elevated levels of ammonia and to ensure that the digestive tract is cleared and the water has not been fouled. If the proposed rule is adopted it will lead to severe stress or death. 14. Trimming tail spines (the equivalent of trimming your nails) keeps them from puncturing the shipping bags. 15. Requiring one gallon of water per fish is completely arbitrary and there are absolutely no science-based studies supporting such a requirement. 16. A 2012 Washington State University study by Emily Munday -- "The Effects of Venting and Decompression on Mortality and Sublethal Effects in Yellow Tangs (Zebrasoma Flavescens) Caught for the West Hawaii Aquarium Trade" -- found that the practices of the Hawaii fish exporters did not cause any mortality in Yellow Tangs received by the researcher and heldfor the duration of the 6 month study – and ongoing observation. The same study found that fasting pre-shipment is the best practice and prohibiting fasting would be detrimental.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jamie Skagerberg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Committee members, I am writing to you to ask that this bill against the Hawaiian Ornamental Aquarium Industry do not pass. I am a responsible saltwater aquarium hobbyist and since coming into this hobby, I have learned and respected SO much about marine life. Without having these beautiful pieces of the ocean right in my own home I wouldn't have HALF the appreciation or knowledge of it as I do now. I might even go as far as to say I wouldn't even care about the ocean. How could I? You see, it would be hard for me to. I live right in the middle of North America next to the Great Lakes here in Minnesota. There is not an ocean anywhere around me. I'd have to travel 1,000 miles just to reach the shore of one. There is just freshwater here. So I could have no hands on knowledge, education, experience, passion, love, and joy for the ocean if I could not own a portion of it right in my own home. If these bills pass, that's being taken away from all of us who so greatly love the ocean...young and old. And not just those who live in my neck of the woods so far away from it. I took the time to read and understand all the arguments that the animal rights activists have against the aguarium trade. I understand and even agree that some methods of capture and transportation can be cruel and those should be stopped. But only the methods that ARE cruel and harm the fish and other marine life to the point that they would have never made it alive to any aquarium. As a now educated lover of ocean life, I am against extreme carelessness and cruelty in harvesting these precious animals. But not to the point that they are outright being taken away from the hobby all together. There is so much irreplaceable joy, knowledge, and passion that these aguariums bring to young and old alike. I would also like to add there is so much more good coming out of this trade than bad. I think the movie "Finding Nemo" has given the wrong ideas about how these animals feel about captivity. Most of us hobbyists do care about the well being of our animals and provide the best environments possible. So much so that many of these amazing animals have been very happy and even spawned offspring right in our own aguariums. We are guickly becoming a self sustaining hobby which in turn results in less and less harvesting animals from the oceans. It such an amazing accomplishment on how far this hobby has come and how much knowledge we all have learned as well as how the love and passion that has grown as well. One last thing, let me tell you that as a hobbyist of both freshwater and saltwater aguariums, the saltwater animals get WAY better treatment, time, money, care, food, environment, and attention than any freshwater aquarium that I've encountered. Plus, some ocean reefs are dying, and without us hobbyists keeping species alive flourishing, happy, and healthy breeding in our aquariums, some of them could go extinct in the wild and then be gone and lost forever on this earth. I wish folks could step back and see that we are actually helping, not harming the oceans. We love them too much to harm them. Thank you for taking your precious time to hear my comments and concerns on this matter, sincerely, Jason and Jamie Skagerberg

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Tina Owens	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: There is absolutely no true rationale for this bill or for the action it calls for. Just because a lot of people have been stirred up by a propagandist spreading a lot of disinformation is no reason for an elected official to go along with it. Suppose a lot of people decided the (insert any ethnic group) were spreading disease and had to be killed, would a legislator go along with that because that's what his/her constituents want? We trust our legislators to be wise and careful, no inflammatory and crazy. West Hawaii, which everyone admits is the center for AQ collecting in the state, tackled the issue many years ago and has proven that management works. We are a beacon in the night and all of you should be looking to emulate this example, not tear it down with disinformation and emotionalism.

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lonnie ready	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: The regulatory mechanisms covering the Hawaiian aquarium fishery supports the tenets of the sustainable use of renewable natural resources supported in the IUCN's Policy Statement on Sustainable Use as an important conservation tool that provides people with incentives in the form of social and economic benefits as in the case of DNLR's management of the Oahu and West Hawaii fisheries. That is buttressed by DLNR's adaptive management by continually improving its management as new challenges arise. This involves monitoring, assessment and applying the results by adjusting management regimes to achieve the desired result. Every responsible scientific study, and even Hawaii's own DLNR, say that the management practices currently in place have resulted in an increase in Hawaii's fish population over the last 15 years. Of all the things that affect the health of the reef and its inhabitants, fishing for the aquarium trade has the lowest impact. Tourism, while essential to the Hawaiian economy, has a far greater impact than aquarium fishing does. To see tourism businesses like diving guides complain about the aquarium trade is opportunistic and somewhat hypocritical.

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Laura "Peach" Reid	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I am writing in opposition to HB606. Establishing a 10-year moratorium on the taking of fish is the equivalent of an outright ban, for which there is no factual/ scientific basis. Thank you for your consideration.

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susie ready	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: Please vote NO on this bill. A moratorium is a nothing more than a ban. The idea that the state of Hawaii would kill an entire industry and shut down Hawaiian businesses that have been responsibly operating for decades is unfathomable. Hawaii has set a great example for the rest of the world on how to manage its fishery to support both humans and fish. This has been proven by many scientific studies. Let's keep it that way.

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Robert Pascua	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I believe HB 606 to be a contradictory action to the scientific data being reported by the DNLR. The recorded population increases of Yellow Tang (Zebrasoma flavescens)alone leads me to question the true intent of this bill. It appears to me that HB 606 would also irreparably damage what is currently a valuable commercial inshore fishery to the state of Hawaii.

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Carlos	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: Please oppose this bill. Once again, these bills are wasting valuable legislative time. They come up every year...and every year they fail because there is no proof to substantiate the anti-aquarium claim. There is recent studies showing that reef population is actually prospering. Please oppose this bill.

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Cynthia DeLillo	Quality Marine	Oppose	No	

Comments: • Aquarium fishermen are operating responsible businesses and deserve legal protection from the harassment of those seeking to prevent them from exercising their legal rights. • Despite the fact that aquarium fishermen take the fewest fish in the most humane manner of any fishermen in Hawaii, they are constantly harassed by animal rights activists. • Animal rights activists routinely seek publicity and escalation when confronting fishermen going about their business. Given that these encounters are happening underwater, they are actively trying to create an unsafe environment where a loss of control can have deadly results. • Despite the fact that aquarium fishermen are most regulated near shore fishery in Hawaii, they are constantly targeted by animal rights activists.

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Shane Deuben	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I am a professional aquarist who is deeply troubled by the thought of the sustainable collection methods practiced in The great state of Hawai'i, to be threatened with the rule based on emotion, rather than scientific and quantified data. I strongly oppose this bill. Thank you for your time.

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carl crawford	Pohina Inc.	Oppose	No	

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Ī	Walt Smith	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: HB606 makes false statement regarding license holdings and catch numbers by the Hawaiian aquarium trade. in a state sponsored report by the "Department of Land and Natural Resources" in 2014 titled "Report on the findings and recommendations of effectiveness of the west Hawaiian regional fisheries management area" it states that only 70 licenses were issued in 2011 (peak year) and only 52 licenses in 2014 contrary to the 300 reported in HB606. the report also went on to verify that the fish population showed "no significant difference" in decline or increase between no take and open areas proving that the entire proposal made in HB606 is false and misleading.

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Dan	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: We need the data from this successful model to continue to create sustainable practices in the industry

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean Sensui	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The amount of fish taken by the aquarium trade is dwarfed by the amount of fish being consumed by invasive species. A study by Jan Dierking at the University of Hawaii estimated that a single invasive species, roi, was consuming 99 tons of fish in a 3-square-mile area. If this is extrapolated to the available reef along the Kona Coast, that comes to about 2 million pounds annually. The blame is being unfairly placed on the shoulders of those who aren't causing a decline of fish. Invasive species, along with pollution and runoff, destroy more habitat and consume more fish than a handful of conservation-minded tropical fish collectors. Also, Gov. David Ige is mindful of a tight state budget. A plan to put a lot of people out of work, stopping them from producing revenue that benefits our communities, then spend even more money trying to assist them through social support programs, goes against Gov. Ige's plan of austerity. Thank you for your consideration. Dean Sensui. Executive Producer, Hawaii Goes Fishing.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alexander Peleholani Garcia	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I oppose this bill for many reasons. The Hawaiian aquarium industry is one of the most sustainable in the world, and with the help of our fishermen and DLNR we have drafted more regulations to maintain this sustainable harvest for as long as possible. The fishery scientists employed by the state continue to call the collect sustainable, why do we not trust the people we pay to do this research? This bad bill will only cost jobs. This is an emotional issue, not a resource issue.

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julie klaz	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: This is completely unnecessary as the aquarium industry is hundred percent sustainable as A fishery. This is back by scientific fact done by studies by the DAR Kona and Dr. Bill Walsh. This Is not based on science at all. Regulations need to be based on scientific fact, not on personal agenda and emotion which this is.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Hajek	Big Island Association of Aquarium Fishermen	Oppose	No

Comments: I support a well-regulated tropical fish industry in Hawaii. The aquarium fishery in Hawaii has been monitored and regulated by the State for nearly 40 years, and has proven to be sustainable. However, HB 606 will shut down the industry statewide, without any scientific basis or possibility for compromise. Please do not pass this bill.

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Lydia Glenn	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: The ornamental fish industry in Hawaii is established as a sustainable fishery which fosters environmental protectionism and bolsters the local economy. This industry is highly regulated and well-studied in the scientific literature. The committee members have a responsibility to seek testimony by professionals in the aquarium trade and to consider scientific data before enacting legislation which would cripple an industry and destroy one of the best models we have for an economically and environmentally sustainable fishery.

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Michelle Lemech	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: Aloha, My name is Michelle Lemech, BS, MS. I am a SCUBA diver and an aquarium hobbyist, published photographer and author. I have visited Hawaii many times and have several friends there. While I was there I participated in KUPS, The Kona Underwater Photography Society and the Kona Reefers Dive Club I am writing to oppose Bill 606. I am hoping that rational minds will prevail as scientific evidence is present to oppose this bill. There are many emotions that surround Hawaii's fisheries but level heads will listen to evidence not emotion. Some emotional arguments will likely be presented by people such as Snorkel Bob's, Robert Winter which will likely provide misleading and false information. I am asking you to please listen to scientific evidence and reason. Hawai'i's aquarium industry is considered as one of if not the best regulated near-shore fishery in the world. It is a model to followed by other countries desiring to establish sustainable fishing practices. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), pursuant to State law, submits a report every 5 years to the legislature "Relating to the West Hawai'i Regional Fishery Management Area." The 2015 Report found that the "The Hawai'i marine aguarium fishery is currently the most economically valuable commercial inshore fishery in the State with FY 2014 reported landings greater than \$2.3 million." I have seen fishes, specifically Achilles Tang, (Acanthurus achilles), valued in the hundreds of dollars in the aquarium industry (\$299 on the www.liveaguaria.com website) http://www.liveaguaria.com/product/prod_display.cfm?c=15+43+325&pcatid=325, be used for fish tacos for an individual. I find this a heartbreaking waste as this fish could have provided fish tacos for several large Hawaiian families if it were to go to the aquarium hobby. DLNR found that the West Hawaii "no-aquarium collecting" Fish Replenishment Areas (FRAs), implemented in 1999, have been very successful in increasing populations of Yellow Tang (Zebrasoma flavescens) -- the most heavily targeted aquarium fish accounting for 84% of the total catch. Fifteen years after closure, the population of Yellow Tang has increased 64.5% in the FRAs while its abundance in the Open Areas has not declined significantly." Overall Yellow Tangs have increased substantially with a current population in excess of 3.6 million fish. DLNR, based upon the effectiveness of the West Hawai'i FRAs for aquarium fish, recommends that it establish MPAs for other fish species. I have to share my personal experience here. The fist time I saw a Yellow Tang (Zebrasoma flavescens)was in a friend's aquarium in 1993. I was absolutely amazed. It was so incredibly beautiful. I had never seen anything like it. This friend's aquarium inspired me to learn more about this fish and others like it. It lead me to set up several aquariums of my own, which lead me to get involve in several clubs where I learned about fragging corals for reproduction and conservation. I also learned about fish breeding. These home hobbyist have made guite impressive contributions. Matthew Pedersen, a reef hobbyist, for example was the first to successfully breed the Harlequin Filefish (Oxymonacanthus longirostris) http://www.coralmagazine-

us.com/sites/default/files/u7/CORAL%20©%20Article%20Harlequin%20Filefish.pdf This is because these hobbyist have passion that is hard to come by. They use their own resources and own time to make significant contributions to reef conservation. Hobbyist have been fragging corals for years before their scientific counterparts. Hobbyist and scientist have a great deal they can learn from each other. My involvement in these clubs lead me to involvement on an national and international level where I was able to share my photos (Some of which were taken in Hawaii) and writing with those around the world. I now have friends in such far away places as Mauritius, Bali, Australia and of course Hawaii. This involvement also lead me to become a certified SCUBA diver. I have been fortunate to go on many dive trips and I am constantly surprised by how little many divers know about what they are looking at. I am always happy to share my knowledge and have shared my knowledge on dive trips, and in my local and regional community. Without exposure to my friend's home marine aguarium I would have never pursued this path and would probably never visited Hawaii or cared much about Hawaii's reefs, but because of this one friends purchase of a beautiful yellow fish that I had never seen before, I lead me to care deeply about Hawaii's sustainable fisheries program and to share my passion about coral reefs with countless others. You can't care about something you aren't exposed to, and you can't easily love something you've never seen. Yes, public aquariums are out there and they serve a definite purpose. But rarely does a person get the up close, hands on and personalized contact such as I had because another aquarium hooyist shared his passion with me. I am providing more logical and scientific arguments below that others will also likely submit but I wanted to share some of my personal experience with the committee before the 8:30am deadline. I may try to continue with more testimony but I will not be assured that it will be submitted if it is submitted before 5pm today so I will unfortunately have to cut it short in order to assure something gets shared. More personalized comments are shared in all caps below. DNLR Aquarium 'White List' for West Hawaii of 40 species permitted for the aquarium trade is working. Fish not on the list can not be collected for the aquarium trade. Size and bag limits for three species are in place. Recently an updated rules package was adopted for the Oahu ornamental aquarium fishery. The regulatory mechanisms covering the Hawaiian aquarium fishery supports the tenets of the sustainable use of renewable natural resources supported in the IUCN's Policy Statement on Sustainable Use as an important conservation tool that provides people with incentives in the form of social and economic benefits as in the case of DNLR's management of the Oahu and West Hawaii fisheries. That is buttressed by DLNR's adaptive management by continually improving its management as new challenges arise. This involves monitoring, assessment and applying the results by adjusting management regimes to achieve the desired result. Every responsible scientific study, and even Hawaii's own DLNR, say that the management practices currently in place have resulted in an increase in Hawaii's fish population over the last 15 years. Of all the things that affect the health of the reef and its inhabitants, fishing for the aquarium trade has the lowest impact. Tourism, while essential to the Hawaiian economy, has a far greater impact than aquarium fishing does. To see tourism businesses like diving guides complain about the aquarium trade is opportunistic and somewhat hypocritical. IT'S VERY HYPOCRITICAL, HAVING OBSERVED WHAT SOME DIVERS DO AND EVEN WORSE WHAT SNORKLERS DO, STANDING ON CORAL, DOING TREMENDOUS DESTRUCTION TO THE REEF. I CAME TO HAWAII TO SEE THE YELLOW TANG. I WAS CERTIFIED BY JACK'S DIVE LOCKER IN KONA. WITHOUT EXPOSURE TO A HOME AQUARIUM, I WOULD HAVE NEVER DONE THIS. A moratorium is a nothing more than a ban. The idea that the state of Hawaii would kill an entire industry and shut down Hawaiian businesses that have been responsibly operating for decades is unfathomable. The idea that this legislation offers job retraining for people who have built business over generations closed despite the proven fact that it was doing no harm to the environment is, frankly, dismissive of all the efforts, risks and financial commitments that it took to build these businesses The steps that are taken in preparing fish for transportation are done for the safety and survivability of the fish. It makes no economic sense to intentionally engage in selling injured, infirm or sick fish. HOBBYIST CARE A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THEIR FISHES AND CORALS. IF YOU TAKE THE TIME TO GO ON ANY REEF COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARDS YOU

WILL SEE A LOT OF PASSION AND IF A CORAL OR FISH IS SICK OR INJURED YOU WILL SEE A LOT OF ATTEMPTS MADE TO SAVE THESE PRECIOUS ANIMALS. Withholding food prior to shipment is a long accepted husbandry practice well documented in the literature as well as recommended in the International Air Transport Association Live Animals Regulations to eliminate harm from exposing the fish to elevated levels of ammonia and to ensure that the digestive tract is cleared and the water has not been fouled. If the proposed rule is adopted it will lead to severe stress or death. THIS PRACTICE INCREASES SURVIVAL SAME AS HUMANS WHO NEED TO FAST PRIOR TO SURGERY, BECAUSE IT INCREASES SURVIVAL. Trimming tail spines (the equivalent of trimming your nails) keeps them from puncturing the shipping bags. Requiring one gallon of water per fish is completely arbitrary and there are absolutely no science-based studies supporting such a requirement. A 2012 Washington State University study by Emily Munday -- "The Effects of Venting and Decompression on Mortality and Sublethal Effects in Yellow Tangs (Zebrasoma Flavescens) Caught for the West Hawaii Aquarium Trade" -- found that the practices of the Hawaii fish exporters did not cause any mortality in Yellow Tangs received by the researcher and heldfor the duration of the 6 month study – and ongoing observation. The same study found that fasting pre-shipment is the best practice and prohibiting fasting would be detrimental. Statements that the Aguarium trade is harvesting Hawaiian corals are inaccurateCollecting corals for the aquarium trade has been prohibitedfor years and there is no evidence of the aquarium trade removing corals. mahalo and hank you for your time, aloha, Michelle Lemech BS, MS

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ſ	Jennifer Thrush	Individual	Oppose	No	

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Ryan Rothwell	Individual	Oppose	No	

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Sean Larranaga-Dorman	Individual	Oppose	No	

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Melissa Read	Individual	Oppose	No	

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Steve Krogh	Individual	Oppose	No	

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Shasta Kuehl	Individual	Oppose	No	

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Jon king	Individual	Oppose	No	

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Douglas Fish	Individual	Oppose	No	

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Opposed to HB 606

OMH on Wednesday, 02-11-15 8:30AM in House conference room 325

HB 606 states there are 300 aquarium permits to justify its closure of the fishery. There are only about 94 permit holders in the whole state. HB 873 says there are 200 aquarium permit holders. This too is inaccurate.

There are more fish than ever. Hawaii's oceans are healthier than ever. Aquarium fishing has no impact on tourism. Aquarium Fishing generates millions for Hawaii's economy. Aquarium Fishing is proven to be sustainable with many studies. Hundreds of laws restrict aquarium fishing already and the state has spent millions studying and proving the fisheries sustainability. See at end for facts sources.

There are not 300 commercial aquarium permits in Hawaii there is only 94 or so. Of those 94 only around half scuba dive the rest buy fish and resale them from all over the pacific.

US Ocean law state the ocean belong to all and to eliminate one user group over another violates federal law standards. The state of Hawaii and DLNR (department of Land and Natural Resources) is in charge of preserving , protecting, and managing state waters within the three mile limit for all public user groups.

Please hold HB 606 it could cost the state millions in revenue and is based in no facts to support such a move.

The facts from the news and WHFC members. Links to videos and sources below.

Ron Tubbs B.S.N.D.

RT Distributors Inc.

Hawaii Tropical Aquarium Fish Association

DLNR legislative report 2015 and Fish Population Increases facts links:

http://westhawaiifisherycou.ipower.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/WHRFMA-Report-to-Legislature-Jan-2015.pdf

http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/26454840/videos-show-tropical-fish-swarming-states-reefs

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http://www.reef2rainforest.com/2014/08/29/biblical-spawning-event-on-hawaiian-reefs/

http://westhawaiitoday.com/news/setting-record-straight-fish-collecting

http://hawaiitropicalsaltwateraquariumfish.com/

http://www.hawaiifreepress.com/ArticlesMain/tabid/56/ID/14486/DLNR-Report-Shows-Major-Increase-in-Aquarium-Fish-Populations.aspx

There are 94 divers in all of Hawaii who collect tropical fish. There are 34 divers in Kona, 51 on Oahu and there was 9 in Maui but they moved to due to harassment over there. Of the 94 many are shippers and do not dive much.

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We want science proof the fishery should be banned, not some emotional argument about keeping fish for pets.

Steve Delgado steve.d.delgado@aexp.com

Oppose HB606

I believe responsible use of our natural resources can be a win/win for our environment and wildlife as well as preserving jobs. Especially now with our economy suffering Please vote No to Hb606

Tom Hayden addocdreef@yahoo.com

I think aquariums are a great way to show people how beautiful and special fish are. And will inspire people to want to protect them. Please vote NO to HB606

Sincerly, John Bottari woodspinner100@gmail.com

I visit and scuba dive in Hawaii fpr two weeks every year. I am a time share owner and pay taxes over \$1,200 plus all the sales tax I pay when visiting Hawaii. I am also a Marine Aquarium owner and I do not support the current legislation that would effectively ban the aquarium trade. I believe that the current management of the industry provides superior support of the fish. population

Michael Jones michaeljjones@yahoo.com

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proper management and allocation of resources is necessary to maintain proper and healthy ecosystems. Under proper legislation the aquarium industry can continue to flourish. Banning aquarium sales while practices such as drag netting and long lining are still allowed is moronic. not only does this ban inhibit aquarium enthusiast from supporting anAmerican business, it costs people jobs. I must request you do not pass this ban and concentrate on more sensible and pressing matters

jonathan roath jdroath@hotmail.com

l oppose HB606

i oppose any legistration restricting collection of marine tropical fish from hawain waters. I do agree that sustainable quotas should be inplace. Why is it okay to kill fish thru fishing but notcollecting them for aquarium

Patrick Lanzarone p@thecoralreef.com

I oppose HB606

Make legislature based on accurate facts not politics. Stephen Sefcik outback14@verizon.net

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This can be done responsibly. A ban is not necessary. Enforcing a ban will take as much effort as enforcing select and responsible harvesting.

Jeffrey Hoy

Opposing HB606

A sustainable fishery is achievable, and Hawaii has it.

Carl Grooms resiroof@verizon.net

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For Sustainably Marine Ornamental Fish, Not a Ban

Idrees Mariners idris@terangi.or.id

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JOBS, NOT BANS!

Mike Proctor blackfish@cox.net

Please Say No to HB606

This proposed ban would greatly damage many small businesses nation wide.

Lynda Birdwell saltwatersanctuary@yahoo.com

Sustainable Management-Not Ban of all Aquarium Fishing!

Michael Mathews exoticaquatics@comcast.net

The fishery is a well managed and sustainable providing a valuable source of marine fish for public aquaria around the globe to help educate the general public about marine conservation. the Hawaiin aquarium fish has for a long time been held up as an example of a sustainably viable fishery with a global benchmark. It should not be stopped purely on the basis of a phyliosophical oposition by a minority.

Lyle Squire lyle.jnr@cairnsmarine.com

While maintaing wildlife and reefs are very important, this ban is unreasonable. There are many regulations and controls already in place to prevent over-fishing.

Scott Faulker

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please do not ban the fishing in hawaii, my family depends on my business and the ban would have a severe impact on my livelyhood kevin biele

There is to much government reglations now and to take the lively hood from hard working families is rediculus!

Dennis Foglesong the-pier@live.com

This bill would put hundreds of people out of work, not to mention devastation the Marine Fish hobby! The collectors are responsible and are not doing damage to the reef.

Scott Wilson scottwilson@unclebills.com

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Targeting the Aquarium trade for declines in fish is wrong. The ugly truth is its the developments for Tourism that is responsible.

Thank You
James Mercer

Jeffrey Eigenbrode

B.S. Biology Aquaculture

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Date: 02/08/15

To: House Ocean, Marine Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs Committee

RE: H.B. NO. 606

Dear Sir or Madame:

I would like to submit the following testimony and strongly state that I strongly OPPOSE H.B. NO.606 relating to fishing rights and the aquarium trade.

In regards to Section 1: "...Because aquarium fish collectors are highly selective and often capture large quantities of individual fish of high value, the potential for over-exploitation is high." It is well known that the Hawaiian Aquarium Fishery is considered one of best regulated fisheries in the world. Numerous studies, including many done by the Hawaii DLRN, have state the current management practices have resulted in an increase in Hawaii's fish population over the last 15 years. The regulations and licensing of the aquarium fishery in Hawaii is extremely well regulated, there is no potential for over exploitation or collecting.

In regards to Section 2: "...Significant population declines and major shifts in species diversity are now evident in coral reef areas where collection is occurring." This is a very misleading statement. The DLNR has published numerous reports contrary to this, including how there were declines of aquarium fish populations in closed areas, indicating there were other causes to species decline. Of all things affecting the health of a coral reef, fishing for the aquarium trade has the lowest impact.

In regards to the purpose of HB606:

- (1) "Establish a ten year moratorium on the taking of aquarium fish." This is essentially a ban being imposed on a well-managed, sustainable fishery.
- (2) "Provide assistance, training and related employment services to workers dislocated by the moratorium." There is no mention in this bill whether this service will be extended to only residents of Hawaii? What about aquarium store owners, public aquarists, and researchers who will all be displaced? In this regard, the bill is very short sighted as it does not take into account the thousands of jobs which would be lost in the USA alone.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony regarding H.B. NO.606 and sincerely hope the Hawaiian legislature opposes this bill. The Hawaiian Aquarium Fishery continues to be a role model for other fisheries worldwide and continues to be the most valuable, sustainable commercial inshore fishery for the state.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or testimony.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey E. Eigenbrode

Ike Eigenbrode B.S. Biology

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Senator Sam Slom said it best recently on Hawaii Public Television in regards to the GMO issue. "Emotions Always Trumps Science".

That is exactly true and what is happening in our industry. The emotions and the wants of certain individuals that are not from Hawaii, whom have decided that local fisherman should not be allowed to make a living doing what they have done for over 50 years.

They want you to believe that the fish are being depleted from the ocean, however, there is scientific data denying that, however, they will say that DLNR is not accurate. The opposition would like to make the entire State of Hawaii a Hanauma Bay and why? Because it will benefit their snorkeling and tour businesses.

If you have been to Hanauma Bay in recent years the destruction of the reef is horrific. This was not due to aquarium fish collecting. That is a closed area to fisherman. So really where is the destruction of our reefs coming from, besides runoffs, pollution, global warming, etc? Certainly not from the aquarium industry!

Many times I have heard from local people that they wished all outsiders would go back to where they came from and even though I am an outsider myself, I have to agree. People come here to Hawaii not trying to fit into a culture that works, but instead wanting to change the culture to fit their beliefs and their ways. The people of Hawaii have been happy with life how they know it, and I too believe if you come here to live and you don't like the ways and culture as it is, then by all means go back to where you came from. I do not impose my beliefs on anyone and why should anyone else. When these outsiders don't agree with the local ways and they don't get their way, what do they do? Sue the State and waste taxpayer's money.

And now with this Bill they are offering to send us all to school to be reeducated. How insulting is this. With many of us in our 50s and 60s and many with college degrees and successful businesses!

We were presented Small Business Exporter for the City & County of Honolulu in 2012 by the Small Business Administration. We were recognized for our accomplishments and contributions to our State.

Best said by a young lady from Kona. We all need to get along. My thought, stop fighting and spread the Aloha. Life is too short and after all we live in the best State in the Nation.

Thank you,
Carina Sugiyama

Honolulu, 96816

January 26, 2015

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The aquarium industry is such a small group of people and such an inconsequential amount of fish being collected in the grand scheme of the fishing industry as a whole. Not only are there health benefits but there are the benefits to the local communities. Not only does it benefit the seller, or the diver, but all the local businesses that supply the resources and equipment that are needed to run this industry as well on a day to day basis. It also supports the local economies in the states and countries where the fish end up. Please don't allow this bill to pass

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Name (printed): Nicholas Ball

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Rep. Kaniela Ing, Chair

Rep. Nicole Lowen, Vice Chair

Committee on Ocean Management and Hawaiian Affairs

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My hyperactive nephew calms down when having a fish tank around. In has been an amazing addition to the home. The aquarium helps him sleep a lot better and makes him feel safe when the light is off.

Please don't pass this bill.

Signature Leri Duncan

Name (printed). Keri Duncan

Date: 1-26-15

Zip Code, 92117

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I have a family member who has made their living working in the aquarium industry for 35 years. I will always support keeping jobs local.

Signature: Suguyama

Name (printed): Shannon Sugiyama

Zip Code: 92109

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When my grandmother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, after heavy research found that many studies have shown that an aquarium can improve health levels of those suffering from Alzheimer. After watching an aquarium, most patients regained their appetite and actually got their medication dose reduced. Some patients even registered a significant reduction in their aggressive behavior. There was an aquarium at the center she went to during the day, and I agree, it helped tremendously with her general mood in a positive way. Please take this into consideration, thank you.

Signature: Jodie Keegan

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Date: 1/25/2015

Zip Code: 94010

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Committee on Ocean Management and Hawaiian Affairs

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I am opposed to HB 606. I have been working with saltwater fish since 1971. I started out as an aquarium fish collector in 1971, and by 1978 was working for exporters here. From 1993, I started my own export company and have been working this business for 22 years.

My company Wayne's Ocean World, Inc. was awarded the United States Small Business Administration's Exporter Award for 2012 in the City and County of Honolulu. Now HB606 wants to put me out of business, and retrain me into another field of work. I am going to be 62 years old this year. I should be coasting into retirement. Instead, every year I have to come down to the State Capitol and fight for my job. WHY???

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Jan 25, 2015 Rep. Kaniela Ing, Chairban House Committee on Ocean, marine Resources, and Howaiian affairs Law writing to you concerning House Bill 606. My son, Dentis Jamaquchi is a diver in aquarium fishery, who also takes care of me and help me financially as Lam a letiree on a fixed income. many of the dever abide and very aware of all the regulations and lews concerning marine life and resources as it is their their families. They contribute to the state economy, pay state and sederal taxes up-date required licenses and permits and attend meetings concerning their business: Passing HB 606 well truly affect many who are working hard the support of families and like my son, who is also you to please give your up most ansideration Wefore taking severe action on it. Thank you very much.

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Pearl City 96782 Jan.25, 2015

Rep. Kaniela Ing, Chair Rep. Nicole Lowen, Vice Chair Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2011

In opposition to HB 606, relating to Fishing Rights

I work as a full time commercial fisherman on Oahu, with the majority of my income coming from saltwater aquarium fish. I also have a Bachelors of Science degree in Marine Biology from the University of Hawaii and have participated in a number of research projects concerning coral reef conservation, fisheries monitoring, and marine exploration. As a fisherman, I am proud to be part of what I know is a healthy and sustainable fishery that contributes to our economy, while providing thousands of people in Hawaii and around the world an opportunity to enjoy the ocean and its creatures. I am strongly opposed to HB 606, which has no scientific basis and would needlessly eliminate a vibrant and sustainable local industry.

As fishermen, our livelihoods depend on maintaining healthy reefs and healthy fish stocks, and we have no desire to see our resources depleted. I strive to fish in a responsible and sustainable manner, taking only the fish that I need and rotating my collection sites to ensure that the fish are replenished before I visit them again. I do not use destructive fishing methods, break coral, or collect species that are unsuitable for captivity. I am careful to follow all current fishing regulations and have submitted full and accurate catch reports to DLNR every month, as required by law. I have no desire to interfere with the rights of other ocean users, and am careful to avoid fishing in areas frequented by recreational divers and snorkelers.

For the following reasons, I am opposed to HB 606:

The aquarium industry supports hundreds of local residents and their families

Since 1953, when the state began issuing aquarium permits, the aquarium industry has provided a livelihood for many Hawaii residents. This includes not only fishermen such as myself, but also fish dealers, pet stores, aquarium maintenance personnel, and many others. These are legitimate businesses, licensed and regulated by the state. All told, hundreds of people in the state earn a living directly from the aquarium industry. These are local families, with children to feed, bills to pay, and elderly relatives to support. The passage of HB 606 would instantly take away our livelihoods and plunge many local families into unemployment and poverty.

Our industry is a critical part of Hawaii's diversified economy

According to DLNR, the aquarium fishery is currently the most economically significant near-shore fishery in the state; with landed values exceeding those of akule, lobster, and even bottomfish. However, that is only a small part of the picture. The fish we catch support a much larger industry - when the cost of retail & wholesale sales, imported fish, dry goods, tank maintenance, air freight, and packing materials are considered, the overall value of the industry

is many times greater than the initial value of our fish. Hawaii has already suffered enough as a result of the poor economy, and it would be foolish to eliminate an export industry that provides valuable income to the state.

The aquarium industry supports & complements the tour industry

Disturbingly, proponents of this bill have claimed that the fishery is harmful to tourism, and are using this as rationalization for eliminating our industry. Although it is true that tourism is far more lucrative than any fishing activity, this should not be used as justification for eliminating one type of business in favor of another. In Hawaii, there are hundreds of square miles of ocean; more than enough for everybody to share. On Oahu, the aquarium fishery has been in operation for more than fifty years, and our activities have not stopped the development and growth of a thriving tourist industry. Here, there is no conflict between us and the dive tour companies - we realize that their business is important and we have always been able to work together. In fact, we and other fishermen contribute significantly to the income of local dive shops through the purchase of air fills, dive equipment, and gear maintenance. Moreover, aquariums in hotels, restaurants, and other venues play a significant role in enhancing the visitor experience. As part of a diversified economy, the aquarium trade complements tourism rather than hurts it.

The aquarium fishery has proven to be sustainable & compatible with healthy reefs

The state Department of Land & Natural Resources has been monitoring the aquarium fishery since the early 1970s. At no point in time has there been any evidence of a declining fishery, especially on Oahu where the fishery has remained extremely stable for the past ten years. On the Big Island, the most recent data from DLNR indicates that the fishery is very healthy, and the population of the most collected species has increased significantly over the past 15 years. We have been diving the same reefs for more than 40 years, and have not seen a long term decline in fish abundance - each year the fish return just as strong as before. If the supposed depletion of fish was true, we would have been out of business long ago.

Moreover, research conducted since 1998 in Kona, where the majority of fish collection occurs, has shown no difference in coral health or algal abundance between areas where the fishery is permitted and areas that are closed. It is clear that the fishery is not harmful to the health of the reef. This information is readily available from DAR should anybody be so concerned.

Fishing should be managed based on science, not politics or emotion

Most aquarium fishermen, myself included, recognize the need for appropriate regulations to conserve the resources upon which we depend for a living. However, rules must be based on science, rather than emotion, and must accurately reflect the concerns of all parties involved. It is important to recognize that, when dealing with commercial fisheries, the livelihoods of many people are at stake. We have been working extensively with the Department of Land & Natural resources to improve management of the fishery both on Oahu and the Big Island, and it's clear that our efforts are successful. Closing a fishery that is well managed and

sustainable sets a very poor example for resource management and serves only to polarize our community.

In summary, HB 606 is a flawed and harmful bill. It would needlessly shut down a thriving local industry, put hundreds of Hawaii residents out of work, and deprive many people in Hawaii and around the world of an enjoyable, educational, and enriching hobby that fosters an appreciation for the marine environment like no other. The aquarium fishery has proven to be sustainable, it has proven to be compatible with healthy coral reefs, and it has proven to be compatible with the tourist industry. In the interests of responsible fisheries management, I urge the committee not to pass this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

Matthew Ross

I urge the committee to say NO to HB 606. HB 606 offers no justification for why the Bill's authors believe the fishery should be closed. A thorough analysis of the data show that the justification offered is inconsistent with the available science.

The West Hawaii aquarium fishery, which represents nearly three-quarters of the State's aquarium fishery in terms of landings, is considered one of the best-studied aquarium fisheries in the world, and the data consistently support the State's own conclusion that the fishery is being fished sustainably.

For this fishery to be closed by legislative action ignoring the data would be a blow to the fishery itself, Hawaii's own fisheries management in general and the legislative process, which established the West Hawaii Fishery Management Area (WHRFMA) in 1998.

http://www.reef2rainforest.com/2015/02/07/public-hearings-approach-for-hawaii-aq-fishery-bills/

Please give proper credit to scientific research rather than emotional arguments.

Thank you,

Tal Sweet



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To; Hawaii House Oceans Committee Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs Committee of the Hawaii Legislature

10th February 2015

Dear Sir or Madam

Testimony in <u>opposition</u> to Bill HB606 relating to the Hawaiian Ornamental Aquarium Industry

OATA represents the interests of importers, wholesalers and retailers of aquatic ornamental organisms, including fish, in the UK. Some of the marine ornamental fish imported in the UK originate from Hawaii. Our members agree to abide by a Code of Conduct which includes the need to protect and enhance the welfare of fish in their care. OATA has participated in meetings of CITES, the CBD, WTO, the OIE and IATA on issues relevant to the sector. We strongly support the legal, sustainable and humane use of renewable natural populations of aquatic organisms including fish.

The proposal of a 10 year moratorium on the taking of aquarium fish would in effect bring the trade to an end in perpetuity. Such a moratorium seems unjustified and wholly disproportionate when taking into account the DLNR report "Report on the Findings and Recommendations of Effectiveness of the West Hawai'i Regional Fishery Management Area published in December 2014. This reports the success of management strategies eg white listing, for aquarium fish collection in increasing fish populations, the impact of other collections and the commercial value of the fishery.

I believe this Bill must be opposed.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Executive

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Comments: I have attached a PDF version of an online article by fisheries journalist Ret Talbot, which examines this bill in great detail and pays close consideration to the science and data involved in this bill. I encourage all committee members to read it carefully. In short, I believe that the ongoing onslaught of anit-aquarium trade bills in Hawaii is excessive and is becoming a waste of the legislature's time and resources. These ideas have already been addressed in prior legislatures and rejected for one main reason - the science, and the state's own data, does not support the allegations levied at fishery for aquarium fishes. Aquarium fishers themselves have worked within the state to even provide compromise and self regulate in ways that I believe they never needed to; the effect of the compromises made only served to reiterate the lesson that parents learn about their children given an inch, they'll take a mile. Since the science and data already fully illustrate that a ban is not needed, the only thing left to discuss is the emotions surrounding this topic. However, I should mention that we do not legislate based on emotions. If the people proposing these bans were candid and honest, we could debate their issue for what it is, one of personal morality. Anti-trade activists turn a blind eye to the harvest of a species like the Achilles Tang for food, but cry foul if the same fish were to be harvested for the aquarium trade. Anti-trade activists use charged rhetoric like "wildlife trafficking" or "slavery" to evoke emotional responses from anyone who will listen, but their moral arguments seem a bit ethically bankrupt. From a moral standpoint, when I place myself in the position of the "fish", certain death to thrown on ice and sold for \$4.99/lb, is not preferable to the potential of an extended life in a predator free environment. When harvested as food, death is certain. While all fishes must die (the definition of mortality), when a fish harvested for the aquarium, death is not automatic. Frankly though, none of us can truly claim to speak for the fishes. But what I can speak for is the numbers and communal ethics. When the rhetoric of anti-aquarium activists is viewed in an objective light, it seems wrong to advocate for, or ignore, a use of a resource for sustenance or inexpensive sale, eg. the documented sale of Achilles Tangs for \$4.99 per pound, when those same fish have a retail value in the US live-aguarium-fish-trade of \$200 to \$300 each. That increased value does translate all the way back into the local economy of Hawaii; putting a tang on a plate for dinner does not. The science doesn't support the allegations being made against the aquarium trade. Those behind these allegations wish to draw a moral distinction between one use of a state managed resource, turning a blind eye a low value, guaranteed 100% instant mortality use, while condemning a high value use with potential for long-term survival and all the other benefits of a sustainably managed aguarium trade. I can only consider the stance of anti-aguarium activists, and those behind the multiple bills seeking to ban the sustainable aguarium fishery in Hawaii, as hypocritical and deceitful in their efforts to push their personal moral agenda upon the rest of us. I implore this

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committee to reject this bill wholeheartedly, and move on to more important matters.

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Snorkeling in Kona, Steve Jurvetson captured a swarm of reef herbivores so thick that you can barely see the substrate. While the Yellow Tangs and Convict Tangs are very obvious, look closely. You'll see Unicorn Tangs, Achilles Tangs, White Cheek Tangs, Orange Shoulder Tangs, and buried in the chaos, a Guttatus Mustard Tang, the Hawaiian Humbug Damselfish, a Moorish Idol, a possible Brown Surgeonfish, and probably even more. Image by Steve Jurvetson | CC-BY-2.0

Hawaiian legislature to consider 7 bills to change aquarium fishery—including 3 seeking an outright ban on marine livestock collection

By Ret Talbot

For decades now, the harvest of Hawaiian reef fishes for the global aquarium trade has fueled a heated, emotional debate, with aquarium fishers and those who work in the trade on one side and anti-aquarium fishery activists on the other.

Despite an effective, multi-stakeholder approach to fisheries management in Hawaii—despite data that consistently show sustainability—these activists unfailingly succeed in having bills introduced to the Hawaii State Legislature each year that would close the aquarium fishery. This year is no

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Hawaii: A Source of Premium Fishes

The loss of the marine aquarium fishery in Hawaii would be a blow to the aquarium trade and hobby in the U.S. and abroad. The aquarium fishes harvested in Hawaii reach the mainland by one of the shortest supply chains available to North American aquarists. As a result, Hawaiian fishes are consistently healthy with extremely low mortalities. Because Hawaiian fishes are harvested in a well-managed fishery with copious data supporting fishery sustainability, they represent one of the best choices for environmentally aware aquarium keepers.

While health and sustainability are paramount for some aquarists, others note that losing Hawaii would mean that several Hawaiian endemic species would likely disappear from the hobby. Examples include several dwarf angelfishes, a number of butterflyfishes, and an array of popular wrasse species.

Not everyone agrees the aquarium fishery in Hawaii is well managed and sustainable. In fact, some of its most influential critics argue it's not even a fishery at all. Individuals like Maui-based Robert Wintner (aka "Snorkel Bob") believe the aquarium trade is unethical and that no reef fishes should be harvested for aquaria. He contends that aquarium fishermen are responsible for "devastating" changes on beautiful Hawaiian reef areas.

Other anti-aquarium activist like Rene Umberger, also from Maui, are open to the idea of an aquarium hobby based solely on aquacultured fishes. Either way, both Umberger and Wintner, and the activist groups they represent, have demonstrated a dogged commitment to closing the State's most valuable inshore fishery through legislation.

Science Sides with AQ Fishery

The repeated attacks on the aquarium (or so-called "AQ") fishery fly in the face of the data and are no doubt frustrating to fishers and aquarium fishery advocates. It's important to remember, however, that the system has time and again proven it works. Each year anti-aquarium fishery bills come up, and each year they fail to become law. In many cases they fail to even be heard or make it out of committee. In large part this is because individuals take the time to make sure the science and the data are seen and heard.

Local stakeholders and scientists annually go to the Legislature and present oral comment. Others take the time to submit electronic testimony. Groups like the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC) in Washington bring their resources to bear on proposed legislation that threatens to limit or close the fishery. Because of all these efforts, the data usually prevail, but that will only remain the case if individuals are informed.

So how do this year's seven aquarium-fishery related bills stack up against the data? Have Hawaii's reefs been devastated by the aquarium fishery as some critics contend? Are fish populations being wiped out by over-collection? Are animals harvested for the aquarium trade subjected to cruel treatment? Or, as others argue—does Hawaii stand as an example of one of the best-studied, best-managed aquarium fisheries anywhere in the world?

To answer these questions, we turn to the fisheries managers on the ground and, of course, to the data.

The Ban Bills

This year there are three bills that would end aquarium fishing in Hawaii outright. They are **Senate Bill 322** (SB 322) and **House Bills 606** (HB 606) and **873** (HB 873), and they may collectively be called the "ban bills."

Of the three ban bills that could put an end to the aquarium trade in Hawaii, **HB 873** is perhaps the must illustrative, and it's the one on which this article will focus. While the other ban bills generally lack context, simply criminalizing or calling for the prohibition of the sale of aquatic life for aquarium purposes, HB 873 outlines the rationale behind the Bill in a six-paragraph preamble. This preamble lays out a series of largely familiar arguments supported by mostly unsourced data, and, in the absence of additional information, it serves as justification for all of the ban bills. [PDF: **Download the original House Bill 873**]

Overall, HB 837 claims the aquarium fishery "threatens Hawaii's reef environments and the socioeconomic benefits they provide." It alleges the aquarium industry "has operated for over fifty







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years with no limits on the volume of take and no limits on the number of permits." As a result, the Bill claims that "[s]pecies targeted by the industry are three to ten times more abundant in areas protected from aquarium-collecting than in areas where the industry operates." It further claims that the aquarium fishery has devastated stocks of iconic yellow tang (*Zebrasoma flavescens*), claiming their population is "depleted in many areas, decreasing by seventy to ninety per cent [sic]."

How accurate is this dismal picture of the aquarium fishery? While there are shreds of truth in HB 873's preamble, to fisheries managers and other stakeholders who have worked for over a decade to create a well-managed, sustainable fishery supported by data, the Bill is a slap in the face. State legislators who mandated the multi-stakeholder approach with Act 306 back in 1998 are likely equally offended.



State marine biologist Dr. Bill Walsh is a long-time proponent of science-based aquarium fishery rules. Image: Ret Talbot.

Surprise Allegation: "Over-harvesting of Coral"

So how does the State's aquarium fishery stack up to the allegations? Dr. William Walsh, an aquatic biologist with the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR) Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR), says there are literally "millions more fish on the reefs," and he says he has the data to prove it. A five-year report on the West Hawaii Regional Fishery Management Area (WHRFMA), the State's largest aquarium fishery, finds that management has been increasingly successful. Specifically, Walsh points to the creation of Fish Replenishment Areas (FRAs) and Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), which he says have played a significant role in population increases.

While much of the debate is focused on whether or not the harvest of herbivorous fishes such as the Yellow Tang is sustainable, the preamble to HB 873 begins with a surprising statement:

"The United States Coral Reef Task Force has reported that severe over-harvesting of coral by the aquarium industry occurs in Hawaii."

For fisheries managers like Walsh, as well as for anyone with even the most basic awareness of the fishery, this opening statement, while perhaps effectively appealing to the emotions of the uninformed, clearly represents the misinformation and misrepresentation of the science so frequently employed by anti-trade activists in Hawaii.

With the recent listing of 20 species of coral under the **Endangered** Species Act and the ongoing, well-publicized dialog in the media about the plight of coral reefs, it's perhaps not surprising that an anti-aquarium fishery bill would lead off with allegations of "over-harvesting of coral" for aquaria.

The trouble is, however, coral is not harvested for the aquarium trade in Hawaii.

False "Facts" Underpinning HB 873

While a representative speaking on behalf of the Coral Reef Task Force was unavailable for comment, Emma Anders of DAR and who sits on the Coral Reef Task Force, points out that the

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harvest of coral and live rock is prohibited in the Hawaii administrative rules. "I would be very surprised that the Task Force would report severe over-harvesting of coral in Hawaii and have not heard anything like that in the two years I have sat on that task force," she says.

Dr. Walsh says there is no evidence of illegal coral harvesting in Hawaii. "To the best of our knowledge there is no harvesting of coral by the [aquarium] industry in Hawaii, as all stony corals, pink, gold and black corals and live rock are protected—no taking and no sale of same." "They've been protected for quite a long time."

In light of this, some observers suggest that the fact that the authors of HB 873 chose to lead with such an egregious falsehood perhaps calls other of their claims into question.

Mix of Fact and Fiction

When it comes to the other allegations in HB 873's preamble, there is a mix of fact and fiction that ultimately draws a conclusion—the aquarium fishery must be closed. This position, however, is inconsistent with the State's own historical data.

A point-by-point analysis of the Bill and the data suggest that while the threats to Hawaii's reefs are real and need more attention in the form of effective management, the aquarium trade should not be the sole (or even the primary) focus of those acting on behalf of the State's reefs.

For starters, the Bill states, "Hawaii's reefs are the world's third-largest source of wildlife for aquarium hobbyists." This may sound problematic given the size of Hawaii compared to the size of Indonesia and the Philippines, the two largest source countries for the U.S. aquarium trade. Looking at the actual data, however, tells a different, less dramatic story.

While Hawaii is important to the U.S. trade in marine aquarium animals, the data show it is nowhere near the scale of Indonesia or the Philippines. In 2005, nearly 5.8 million fishes were imported into the U.S. from the Philippines and almost 3.3 million from Indonesia. That same year, 510,112 aquarium fishes were caught and sold Hawaii, making it the third largest aquarium fishery, but representing well below 5% of the total world catch. (Source: DLNR and independently verified via **Rhyne et. al.**)

"Threat to Tourism"

HB 873 continues, claiming the catch of half a million or so fishes that are harvested in the Hawaii aquarium fishery each year "threatens Hawaii's reef environments and the socioeconomic benefits they provide, including to tourism—a crucial contributor to the State's economy, and as sustenance for local families." While it's true that any extractive industry poses a threat to the resource, fisheries managers in Hawaii point out that aquarium fishing is far from the only fishery activity.

"Other types of fishing, both commercial and non-commercial target reef fishes," says Dr. Walsh, referring to the State's food and sport fisheries. "Almost everywhere in Hawaii the catch in terms of reef fish numbers, and especially biomass, substantially exceeds the take by aquarium collectors." [See Table 1]

	Ree	f Fish Catch	Numbers		
	Recreational	Commercial	Total Non AQ	Aquarium	Non AQ/AQ
West Hawai'i	146,176	48,498	194,674	343,729	0.6X
West Hawai'i w/o YT	146,176	48,498	194,674	64,815	3X
Maui	218,474	71,730	290,204	13,316	22X
'Oahu	675,520	196,417	871,936	81,514	11X
Kaua'i	218,423	93,223	311,645	546	571X
	Reef	Fish Catch B	iomass (lbs.)	(10
West Hawai'i	153,193	55,468	208,661	75,274	2.8X
West Hawai'i w/o YT	153,193	55,468	208,661	25,248	8.6X
Maui	342,769	122,268	465,037	3,217	145X
'Oahu	496,132	242,812	738,945	36,119	20X
Kaua'i	215,685	63,794	279,479	626	446X

Table 1. Island comparison of the number and pounds of reef fishes caught by recreational and commercial fishers relative to aquarium collectors 2008-2011. The far right column represents Total Non AQ catch of reef fish relative to the catch taken by aquarium collectors. Credit: Walsh (2014)

In West Hawaii, where the vast majority of aquarium fishing takes place, the total aquarium reef fish catch does exceed total non-aquarium reef fish catch in terms of numbers, but the reef fish catch biomass for the aquarium fishery is well below half of the total non-aquarium reef fish catch.

In fact, the total aquarium fish catch biomass in West Hawaii is less than half that of the recreational fishery, which is almost entirely unregulated (Hawaii does not require saltwater anglers to purchase a fishing license). On other islands, the non-aquarium catch in terms of numbers of reef fishes harvested is as much as 571 times the aquarium catch.

While it's critical to effectively manage each fishery (including the aquarium fishery), to claim, as HB 873 does, that the "loss of wildlife" as a result of the aquarium fishery "threatens Hawaii's reef environments and the socioeconomic benefits they provide" is a red herring that ignores the more significant problem.

Effective Regulation?

HB 873 claims "[t]he aquarium industry has operated for over fifty years with no limits on the volume of take and no limits on the number of permits." In reality, DLNR points out that all existing size and bag limits for reef fishes apply equally to all fishers including aquarium fishers. "This has been the case for many years," says Dr. Walsh. "In recent years aquarium take has also been markedly restricted in West Hawaii to just 40 fish species." He also adds that size and/or bag limits now also exist for the three most heavily collected species.

In terms of the number of permits, it is true that there is currently no limit on the number of aquarium fishery permits issued. This is, however, the case for all fishing related permits, licenses and registrations at present in Hawaii. Nonetheless, fisheries managers, as well as some stakeholders, believe limiting the number of permits is probably a good idea.

"The West Hawaii Fishery Council, A DLNR community advisory group," Dr. Walsh says, "has been working on establishing a limited entry program for aquarium collecting in West Hawaii." To date, both legislative and administrative rulemaking efforts to establish a limited entry fishery have failed.

Abundance

When it comes to the Bill's claims regarding abundance, fisheries managers say there is no published data of which they are aware that supports the numbers cited in the Bill. HB 873 says species "targeted by the industry are three to ten times more abundant in areas protected from aquarium-collecting than in areas where the industry operates."

The best data on the State's aquarium fishery exists in West Hawaii, which accounts for nearly 70% of the State's overall aquarium catch (67% of value). Those data regarding the 40 species legally harvested in the West Hawaii fishery show the following:

- Six species are consistently more abundant in areas protected from aquarium collecting (FRAs and MPAs) than in areas open to collecting.
- Seventeen species are more abundant in open areas than in the protected areas.
- For 11 species there is no consistent pattern over the past 15 years.
- The percentage difference between areas closed to aquarium fishing and open areas ranges from 4% (multiband butterflyfish, *Chaetodon multicinctus*) to 77% (bird wrasse, *Gomphosus varius*).

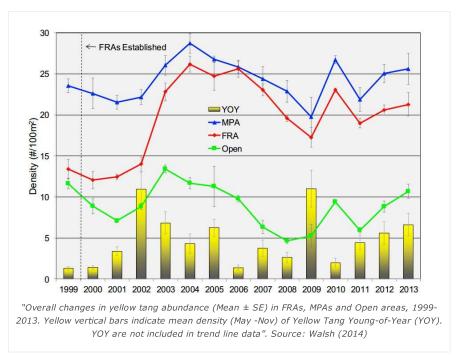
"These differences," says Dr. Walsh, "are nowhere of the same magnitude [claimed in HB 873]."

The Iconic Yellow Tang

HB 873 also alleges that "[r]egulations have thus far failed to maintain populations of crucial species at levels necessary to protect Hawaii's coral reefs." The argument here is that the most popular aquarium species are herbivorous species like Yellow Tang, and these species have experienced the greatest declines in population. "As the most heavily targeted species," HB 873 claims, "the population of yellow tang has now been depleted in many areas, decreasing by seventy to ninety per cent [sic]."

The data show that, over the past 15 years, the population of Yellow Tang has increased 64.5% in FRAs, which are closed to the aquarium fishery. Over that same time, the data also show the

abundance of Yellow Tang in open areas has not significantly declined. "Based on intensive monitoring in West Hawaii," says Dr. Walsh, "we know that the no-aquarium collecting Fish Replenishment Areas, implemented in 1999, have been very successful in increasing populations of yellow tang."



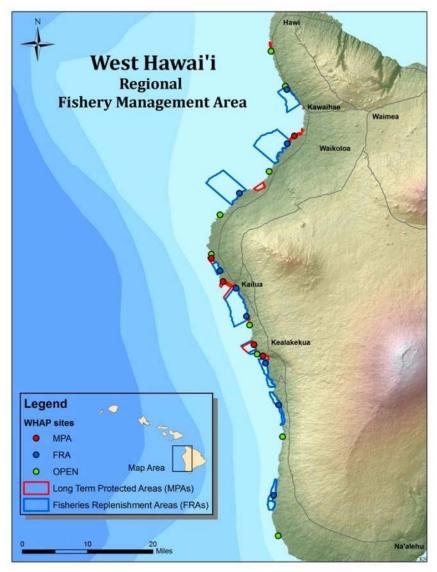
Overall, Yellow Tang abundance in the 30'-60' depth range over the entire West Hawaii coast has increased by over 1.3 million fish (up 58%) from 1999 to 2013. The current population across all areas is estimated to be 3.6 million fish. According to fisheries managers, there are also no significant differences in the abundance of adult Yellow Tang in open versus closed areas in shallow water.

The Importance of Herbivores

Continuing with the focus on herbivorous fishes, the Bill claims a "decline in herbivorous fish are a known stressor to coral reefs" and "research shows that two-thirds of Hawaii reefs are now dominated by the type of algae upon which herbivorous fish would typically feed." The data, however, again tell a different story. In West Hawaii, for example, macroalgae cover in 2011 at 25 monitored sites ranged from 0% to 6.3%. Twenty-two of the 25 sites surveyed had less than 1% macroalgae cover, and this is in the same region where the majority of aquarium fishes are collected.

While there is a lot of misinformation when it comes to the specifics, HB 873 makes some really good points about the importance of herbivorous fishes in general. For example, the Bill points out that "[a]bundant and diverse communities of herbivorous fish are vital for coral reefs to recover from events like the recent unprecedented **coral bleaching** that occurred throughout the State. Without herbivorous fish, the long-term stability of these fragile ecosystems is in jeopardy."

Fisheries managers and scientists say they couldn't agree more. In fact, they think a lot more needs to be done in this regard. The unilateral focus on the aquarium fishery, however, is, according to those same fisheries managers and scientists, misguided. "A key element is sustaining robust herbivore populations," says Dr. Walsh, "is to have a sufficient number of Marine Protected Areas, which protect such species from all harvesting."



West Hawaii is the State's largest aquarium fishery and includes a network Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Fish Replenishment Areas (FRAs) off limits to aquarium fishing. The dots represent West Hawaii Aquarium Project survey sites. Credit: Walsh (2014)

The data show herbivore fish biomass is significantly higher (almost two times as much) in the West Hawaii MPAs than in the FRAs or the Open areas. In both the FRAs and open areas, largely unlimited non-aquarium fishing of herbivores such as parrotfishes and surgeonfishes is common. "Similar findings," Dr. Walsh adds, "are also becoming apparent in Maui's Kahekili Herbivore Fisheries Management Area." There is currently no aquarium fishing there. Bottom line? To address the need for more herbivorous fishes on Hawaii's reef, one needs to look beyond the aquarium fishery.

AQ Fishery's Economic Value

Based on the state's own numbers, the environmental effects of the aquarium fishery on Hawaii's reefs are, at best, overstated in the preamble to HB 873. What about what the Bill has to say regarding the fishery's economic value?

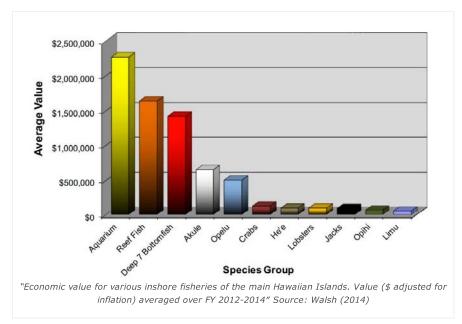
"Fewer than one hundred of the more than two hundred individuals with commercial aquarium fish permits are actually engaged in such activity and file reports with the department of land and natural resources," states the Bill. "Most of these nearly one hundred aquarium collectors work part-time, collecting wildlife three days per week."

The data show that in West Hawaii in FY2014 there were 51 commercial aquarium permit holders, and 41 of these reported aquarium catch that year. "Based on reported catch," says Dr. Walsh, "approximately half of all permit holders appeared to work full time as aquarium collectors." According to the data, there were also nine aquarium dealers on other islands who dealt with West

Hawaii caught fishes.

HB 873 further downplays the economic value of the aquarium fishery, saying that the "part-time jobs appear to be the only identifiable economic benefit" of the trade. "Reported annual sales of less than \$2,300,000 generate less than \$100,000 in general excise taxes," HB 873 states, claiming that is "far less than the amount of funding required for permit administration and adequate enforcement by the division of conservation and resource enforcement of the department of land and natural resources."

DLNR points out that, relatively speaking, all inshore commercial fisheries in the State of Hawaii are small scale. "The aquarium fishery is presently the economically most valuable commercial fishery exceeding other valued fisheries such as those for reef fish, bottomfish, *akule*, *opelu* and *opihi*," says Dr. Walsh.



Reported aquarium sales figures cited in the Bill also only represent what is paid to the fishers and does not include value added by dealer and retail sales. Regarding the "funding required for permit administration and adequate enforcement by the division of conservation and resource enforcement," it should be noted that fisheries management, permitting, and enforcement isn't something that's limited to the aquarium fishery. Aquarium fishers use the same fishing license as every other commercial fisher, and management and enforcement are equally applicable to a variety of fisheries statewide. The idea that the aquarium fishery should provide enough funds to cover resource management statewide seems odd.

Data: "Aquarium Fishery Can Be Fished Sustainably"

The preamble to HB 873 concludes with the following statement: "Wildlife left on reefs benefits the reefs. Restoring herbivorous fish populations is essential for the protection of Hawaii's coral reefs and the current and future socioeconomic well-being of Hawaii's people, which is tied to this unique marine environment."

No one—not scientists, not fisheries managers, not fishers and not aquarists—is disagreeing, but is closing the aquarium fishery the solution?

Not only is the aquarium fishery not the environmental Bogeyman the Bill claims it is, but fishery advocates contend it is actually because of the aquarium fishery that so many good data and management measures exist at all. "The West Hawaii experience with the aquarium fishery points out the need for extensive monitoring, proactive management and especially the importance of having a network of protected areas," says Dr. Walsh.

Overall, and based on the data, DLNR draws a very different conclusion than HB 873. DLNR maintains the data suggest management in the West Hawaii Regional Fishery Management Area is proving effective and that, overall, the State's aquarium fishery can indeed be fished sustainably.

"Over a decade and a half of intensive monitoring data from the West Hawaii coast suggests that overall, regulations implemented under the West Hawaii Regional Fishery Management Area are

successfully managing the aquarium fishery sustainability along that coastline," says Deborah Ward, a DLNR spokesperson.

"DAR uses monitoring data to adapt regulations in response to changes in resource condition. At the end of 2013, DAR established a 'White List' that allows aquarium harvest of only 40 species within the WHRFMA. The data suggests that the State's aquarium fishery can be fished sustainably provided we continue robust monitoring and adaptive management."

Other Bills & Next Steps

In addition to the ban bills epitomized by HB 873, there are three other aquarium fishery-related bills before the Legislature this year in Hawaii. They are **HB 511**, **HB 883**, **SB 670** and SB 1340.

Of these four bills, one (HB 511) would give aquarium fishers and others fishing in the marine environment more explicit protection against individuals who may intentionally or unintentionally harass them. The other three bills are all bills that would affect how aquarium fishes (and other animals in the case of SB 670) are treated during collection, holding and shipping. All three generally lack scientific support for some or all of the proposed practices, and individuals ranging from fishers to scientists to experts with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) believe some the proposed practices would likely be detrimental to the animals in question. CORAL Magazine will cover these bills in a future article.

Thursday (January 29, 2015) was the cutoff date for bills to be introduced to the 2015 Hawaii State Legislature. All but one of the seven aquarium fishery-related bills have been referred to committee (SB 1340, the last bill to be introduced, had not been referred to committee at the time this article was written), and the opportunity for public comment has begun. For information regarding how and when to comment, please have a look at **the recently published article**, and stay tuned for updates here at *CORAL Magazine*.

In the final equation, mainland aquarists and those around the world may want to keep in mind that what happens in Hawaii may not necessarily stay in Hawaii.

While the Hawaii aquarium fishery still has plenty of room for improvement, it remains one of the best-studied and best-managed aquarium fisheries in the world. The data consistently show sustainability, and the multi-stakeholder process that has helped shape fisheries management in West Hawaii is a model that should be applauded and studied for its utility elsewhere.

If the Hawaii aquarium fishery were to be shut down by legislative efforts unsubstantiated by the best available science, aquarists should worry about the health of the trade and hobby globally. In the bigger picture, all stakeholders in Hawaii's reefs should be concerned when an emotionally-driven political agenda of a few hijacks a far larger and more important discussion about fishery sustainability and the overall health of coral reefs in the face of an honest analysis of the threats.

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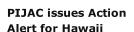


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I would suggest consideration of establishing commercial marine sanctuaries in Hawaii that will increase fish habitat and populations dramatically while providing aquacultured live rock for the trade. Such is our practice in the Florida Keys for 20 years now.

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Matt Pedersen

February 01, 2015

Timothy, would you care to elaborate further on your concept of a "commercial marine sanctuary"? I should note, live rock and coral are not currently harvested from Hawaiian waters at all (it's prohibited) – are you suggesting the state provide "safe refuge" for propagation and extractive fishing in designated "commercial zones"? If so, I'm not really sure if that's all that far off from how things are already managed...eg. areas that aren't part of MPAs and other reserves are effectively the designated places where commercial activities can take place. I'm guessing there's more to your thought than what you posted...hoping you will come back and elaborate further!

reply



Kaleo

February 02, 2015

Thank you for your suggestion Timothy. I suggest that you read the article before commenting.

The islands already have multiple (and large) Marine Protected Areas (MPA) that are federally protected around every island. There are also additional Fish Replenishment Areas (FRA) implemented by the state specifically for the aquarium fish species.

It's important to remember that Hawaii has THE MOST managed and regulated aquarium fishery in the world. That includes Florida... ${\bf reply}$

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February 10, 2015

Dear Honorable Members of the Hawai'i State Legislature:

On behalf of the 228 accredited member institutions of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), we would like to take this opportunity to express our serious concerns regarding HB 606, which would establish a ten-year moratorium on the taking of aquarium fish. We respectfully submit that if this bill were to pass, it would greatly impact the ability of AZA-accredited aquariums and zoos to educate and inspire millions of visitors with compelling exhibits that showcase the natural beauty of marine life and habitats, including coral reefs and coral reef fishes.

AZA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of accredited zoos and aquariums in the areas of animal care and husbandry, conservation, education, science and recreation. With over 185 million visitors to 228 accredited zoos and aquariums, AZA's focus on connecting people and animals provides a critical link to helping animals in their native habitats. AZA zoos and aquariums are committed to conserving the world's oceans for future generations of Americans and people around the globe. We do this by educating our audiences about issues related to ocean health, and encourage them to join us in reducing threats to fragile ocean ecosystems and wildlife. This is very important as a recent National Research Council study found that people learn as much as 90% of their science in informal settings such as accredited zoos and aquariums. We strongly believe that our message of respect, wonder and appreciation of the natural world contributes significantly to coral reef conservation and management.

AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums fully understand, recognize, respect, and support Hawai`i's desire to maintain its unique and diverse coral reef habitat. We also acknowledge Hawai`i's marine aquarium fishery to be one of the best-studied and best-managed fisheries. The fishery is a model for similar aquarium fisheries management programs around the world. We applaud the numerous efforts underway by state, federal and private organizations to accurately determine the health of this fragile ecosystem. Sustainably managed fisheries help to ensure that generations of children visiting AZA-accredited institutions and viewing the species acquired from these fisheries will be inspired to a lifetime of proactive stewardship of all our collective marine resources.

The effect of the ten-year moratorium proposed by HB 606 would be to shut down the entire aquarium fishing industry in Hawai`i. The AZA community views itself as partners with the State of Hawai'i and its counties. We have the well-documented ability to speak to hundreds of millions of visitors annually about marine conservation needs. AZA accredited institutions agree that a common-sense regulatory approach that governs the humane take, husbandry and transport of coral reef species in a fully sustainable manner, is a positive step in enhancing the coral reef fishery populations throughout the State. We would welcome the opportunity to work with you to promote sustainability of aquatic life in Hawai`i while also ensuring that visitors to AZA-accredited aquariums have the opportunity to learn about Hawai`i's aquatic life firsthand.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on these important decisions.

Respectfully,

Kristin L. Vehrs Executive Director

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Bill HB 606

Dear Members of the Legislature,

A moratorium is a nothing more than a ban and is unnecessary. The Aquatic ornamental industry has been operating in Hawaii for many decades and your own Department of Natural Resources says that the management practices currently in place have resulted in an increase in Hawaii's fish population over the last 15 years. This is a good example for many small island nations to follow. Utilizing a sustainable natural resource of small rapidly reproducing fish has a long term economic benefit compared to other extractive measures in the food fish or mining industries.

Best regards

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To: Representative Kaniela Ing, Chair

Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources and Hawaiian Affairs

From: Dane Maxwell

Date: Monday, February 9, 2015

Subject: HB606 – **Relating to Fishing Rights**

My name is Dane K. U. Maxwell and I'm the Cultural advisor to the Maui Ocean Center. I have been apart of the this family since 1998 as a volunteer then on to Naturalist and eventually taking over the roll as cultural advisor after the passing of my grand father Kahu Charles K. Maxwell Sr.

The bill in its current form would deny our general public and visitors the unique opportunity to gain a sense of what is not only special about Hawai'i, but the worlds oceans and all inhabitants. Experiencing these creatures first hand is what sparks the wonder and curiosity of our next generations. Public aquariums play a vital part in conveying the struggles that our oceans face. The current language of this bill will extinguish the ability of this forum, and I believe that public aquariums should be exempt.

I am in opposition to this bill and its current language. It is my hope that you will take into consideration the negative impacts it will have on our public aquariums and their future.

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February 9, 2015

House Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs Committee

On behalf of Drs. Foster and Smith's Live Aquaria, a veterinarian operated pet specialty retailer we strongly oppose bill HB 606, HB 873 and HB 883. For over 31 years, Drs. Foster and Smith has heled educate pet parents on responsible pet and aquarium ownership, pet health and welfare, and our support of environmentally responsible fisheries management practices.

Hawaii's aquarium fishery is considered the best regulated and most viable inshore fishery in the entire world. Through the hard work and efforts of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), who submit reporting to the legislature every five years, the 2015 report found that the Hawaii marine aquarium fishery is currently the most economically viable commercial inshore fishery in the state.

The DLNR has successfully implemented Fish Replenishment Areas (FRA's) in West Hawaii where no take zones are employed. This initiative has been very successful in increasing populations of Yellow Tang (*Zebrasona flavescens*) which is the most heavily targeted species and accounts for 84% of the catch. Fifteen years after closure, the Yellow Tang populations have increased by 64% in the FRA's while their abundance in the 'Open to Take' areas has not declined significantly. Overall abundance of Yellow Tang through this management initiative has yielded a current population in excess of 3.6 million fishes.

The current regulatory initiatives in West Hawaii and Oahu, with their updated rules package for the ornamental aquarium fishery support the IUCN's policy statement on Sustainable Use of a renewable natural resource. This is a very important conservation tool, which provides individuals and families with socio-economic incentives, while ensuring the viability and prosperity of the fishery and habitat.

Responsible scientific studies of the fishery in Hawaii, and even Hawaii's own DLNR agree the management practices currently in place have resulted in an increase in Hawaii's fish populations over the last 15 years. Of all the pressures that negatively affect the health of Hawaii's reefs and marine life, fishing for the aquarium trade has the lowest impact.

We fully support responsible legislation using scientific based methodologies. Unfortunately, HB 606, HB 873, and HB 883 do not meet this criteria based on the successful management and regulatory initiatives employed by the state of Hawaii's DLNR, and therefore Drs. Foster and Smith's Live Aquaria strongly oppose this legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin J Kohen LiveAquaria Director

Drs. Foster and Smith

February 9, 2015

RE: Testimony in Opposition to Bill 883

Aloha County Council Members,

I am writing in opposition to Bill 883 regarding aquarium fish.

For my master's research at Washington State University, I studied the West Hawaii aquarium trade from 2010-2012. My study focused on venting, decompression, holding, and transport of live Yellow Tang in the West Hawaii aquarium fishery.

In addition, I now would like to specifically address <u>Section 2 Chapter 188</u>:

Section 188 – (e)(1)

My research on barotrauma in Yellow Tang showed that there was no tissue damage detected in Yellow Tang subjected to surfacing at a rate of 0.25m/s (SCUBA ascent rate), and there was no mortality when venting was implemented following surfacing. To quote our study, "Histopathologic examination of heart, liver, head kidney, and swim bladder tissues in fish 0d and 21d post-collection revealed no significant barotrauma- or venting-related lesions in any treatment group."

<u>Section 188 – (e)(2)</u>

My research on venting (piercing the swimbladder with a hypodermic needle to release expanded swimbladder gas) indicates that the venting implemented by Hawaiian fishers does not cause mortality in Yellow Tang. In June-July of 2011, I collaborated with fishers in Kona, and caught 360 Yellow Tang from the reef, and held them for 21 d at the Natural Energy Laboratory Hawaii Authority (NELHA). My study shows that when fishers implemented venting there was a 100% survival rate of these fish during collection and holding at NELHA. To quote our study, "Common collection methods in the fishery, ascent without decompression stops coupled with venting, or one long decompression stop coupled with venting, resulted in no mortality." (Munday, et al. 2015).

<u>Section 188 – (e)(4) & Section 188 – (e)(5)</u>

My research on fish holding and transport indicated that the practices implemented by Hawaiian fish exporters do not cause mortality in yellow tang. In June of 2012, I collaborated with fishers and exporters in Kona, and caught 60 yellow tang from the reef, held them in a working export facility, and shipped them from Kona, HI to Portland, OR. The fish were then transported to the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, OR where they resided for 6 months. My study shows 100% survival rate of these tangs during collection, holding in the export facility, air transport, and after a 6-month holding period. In fact, the fish have now become part of an exhibit at the Hatfield Marine Science Center about sustainability in the aquarium trade and I have received no reports of mortality after 2.5 years.

In my study, fish were withheld food in the export facility and during transport. Withholding food serves a very important purpose for fish transport. Withholding food prevents fish from fouling their bags. If they are unable to "clean out" their system prior to transport, they will foul their bags, creating a buildup of ammonia, which is toxic to fish. Therefore, withholding food is a best practice to be used prior to shipping fish and any regulation prohibiting food withholding is uninformed and would be detrimental to fish health.

In my study, aquarium exporters used the standard volume of water to transport the tang, and discussed above, no mortality occurred. The requirement of a gallon of water for fish transport is unnecessary and unfounded.

I would also like to speak to the sustainability of the Hawaii aquarium trade. The exhibit I helped create at the Hatfield explains the practices of the Hawaii aquarium trade, and how Hawaii's trade differs from other areas of the world. If we take a global perspective, Bill 883 is damaging to the ocean. This is because the demand for aquarium fish is not decreasing, and such a bill would simply shift the demand for aquarium fish from Hawaii where they are collected using nondestructive methods, to places like the Philippines where fishers regularly use cyanide to stun and capture fish and have a tremendously negative impact on reefs there. Though this might seem like just a local or state issue, the reality is that the aquarium trade is a global trade and Hawaii contributes a sustainably sourced product to aquarium fish hobbyists.

Thank you for hearing my testimony.

Sincerely, Emily S. Munday, M.S.



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February 9, 2015

Dear Honorable Members of the Hawai'i State Legislature:

As a commercial member of the 221 accredited member institutions of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), a member of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA), and member of the European Union of Aquarium Curators, who combined, reach an annual visitation of nearly a billion people world-wide to spread the conservation message, I would like to take this opportunity to express our serious concerns regarding the upcoming legistation for the sustainable Hawaiian marine tropical fish fishery.

I am hopeful you will discard legislation on the bill in front of you on HB 606. It is NOT supported by science and your own State of Hawaii, Division of Aquatic Resources. This is someone's political and self serving agenda.

AZA, EUAC and WAZA are non-profit organizations dedicated to the advancement of accredited zoos and aquariums in the areas of animal care, husbandry, conservation, education, science and educational-based recreation. AZA and its member institutions work diligently with Congress, Federal agencies, conservation organizations, the private sector and the general public, to conserve our fisheries and wildlife heritage. With 180 million visitors to 221 accredited zoos and aquariums in the U.S. alone and over 800 million people visiting WAZA and EUAC member institutions, our impact to spread the conservation message to nearly a billion people around the world is extremely essential towards promotion of conservation and sustainable practices.

AZA's, EUAC's and WAZA's focus on connecting people and animals provides a critical link to helping animals in their native habitats. We as humans learn to love what we are exposed to, and what we are educated about and lastly, and especially what we are taught as children, to form our basic value systems. Zoos and aquariums foster that love of animals and at the same time are *the inertia* behind conservation programs around the world. I urge you strongly support 13-77 to continue to allow the source of that love of marine animals and thus in its application: conservation. I would hope that you will not be swayed the well-intentioned, though mis-informed opposition to this action. One might also hope that you could see the opposition to the proposal has more than a little self-interest behind their actions.

Please also bear in mind that more than nine million students visit and enjoy onsite education programs at aquariums and zoos in the U.S. alone each year, and over three and a half million receive them totally free of charge. AZA, EUAC and WAZA zoos and aquariums are committed to conserving the world's oceans for future generations of Americans and people around the globe. Hawaiian fishes are an important part of these educational displays, not to mention

show casing the natural beauty of Hawai'i along with encouraging visitation of your beautiful state!

We accomplish this mission by inspiring our millions of visitors with compelling exhibits that visually demonstrate the natural beauty of marine life and habitats, including coral reefs. We also educate our audiences about issues related to ocean health, and encourage them to join us in reducing threats to fragile ocean ecosystems and wildlife.

This is very important as a recent National Research Council study found that people learn as much as 90% of their science in informal settings such as accredited zoos and aquariums. We strongly believe that our message of respect, wonder and appreciation of the natural world contributes significantly to coral reef conservation and management.

The AZA, EUAC and WAZA community views itself as potential partners with the State of Hawai'i. We have the very well-documented ability to speak to nearly a billion of visitors annually about marine conservation needs. AZA accredited facilities, it's commercial members and their counterparts, EUAC and WAZA member institutions and commercial members, all agree that a common-sense regulatory approach, that governs the humane take, the humane after capture husbandry and humane and ethical transport of coral reef species, solely in a fully sustainable manner, is a positive step towards enhancing the coral reef fishery populations in Hawai'i.

Please also take a moment to recall the fact that Hawai'i was first and foremost, an island fishing nation, with a strong cultural heritage, that has a traditional and long recognized respect for sustainable fishing practice as practiced by native Hawaiians. I most strongly encourage you not to lose this valuable cultural tradition!

I think we all, including the current opposition will eventually agree that a common sense, science-based, regulatory approach that governs the take and humane transportation of coral reef species is a positive step in the management of this fishery and a key element in enhancing the coral reef fishery populations in Hawai'i. We remind you that we strongly support the State of Hawai'i Division of Aquatic Resources management team to enact limited entry and other conservation measures deemed appropriate by science, and not be overly swayed by emotion to fairly and successfully manage this valuable fishery. I also encourage you to enact similar legislation on the remainder of the neighboring islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on these important decisions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Forrest A. Young Director, Dynasty Marine Associates, Inc. Commercial Member AZA Commercial Member WAZA Commercial Member EUAC To: The House Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs Committee

Re: HB 606

I would like to voice my strong opposition to HB 606, which proposes instituting a 10-year moratorium on the take of aquarium fish in Hawaii's waters. The multi-stakeholder process which has resulted in a sound, data-based fishery management plan for Hawaii's aquarium fisheries have been upheld as a model for other fisheries to follow.

The data clearly show that this plan is working, and well. The no-take Fishery Replenishment Areas (FRAs), implemented in West Hawaii in 1999, have had a demonstrable effect on abundance of the Yellow Tang (Z. flavescens), a key indicator species responsible for over 84% of overall catch. 2014 data indicates a 64.5% increase in yellow tang populations within the FRA's and no significant decline in populations being fished. Scientific experts, fisheries managers, and Hawaii's own DLNR are in agreement that the adaptive management practices implemented to regulate Hawaii's aquarium fisheries are unequivocally succeeding at increasing abundance and reducing or eliminating localized declines.

As a stakeholder in the aquarium trade, it would deeply trouble me to see such a highly-regarded example of a managed fishery succumb to disinformation and inflammatory rhetoric. A 10-year moratorium is a *de facto* ban, and would eliminate the livelihoods of hundreds of active fishermen and women who rely on this legal and managed trade for their incomes. The ongoing work spearheaded by DLNR which has resulted in this model fishery would be completely scuttled, and with very little scientific evidence to support taking such a drastic and draconian step.

Sincerely,

Michael Tuccinardi

To: The Hawaii House Oceans Committee

From: Ken Nedimyer, Retired Fisherman, Active Conservationist

RE: Opposition to HB 606

Dear Members of the House Oceans Committee,

I would like to go on record opposing the proposed HB 606 that proposes to establish a 10 year moratorium on the taking of aquarium fish from Hawaiian waters. This is obviously designed to destroy the entire marine life fishery in Hawaii, which comes as a surprise to me since bay all accounts it is one of the best managed and most sustainable fisheries on the island. I'm not sure where this bill was conceived, but I think it needs to go to the shredder and there needs to be a ten year moratorium of even considering such a bill in the future.

It seems as though the legislature have plenty of other important duties on their plate than to consider this bill. Where is the evidence to suggest that this bill even has merit?

I spent 30 years of my life as a marine life fisherman in Florida and have done a 180 degree turn in my career to the point where I am an avid conservationist. I now run a nonprofit company that is working diligently to protect and restore corals reefs. Of all the threats to coral reefs, overfishing being one of them, I think the marine life fishery has one of the smallest environmental impacts of any fishery and is hardly worth worrying about.

Ken Nedimyer

Concerned Conservationist

Testimony in Opposition to HB 606

I support a well regulated tropical fish industry in Hawaii. The aquarium fishery in Hawaii has been monitored and regulated by the state for nearly 40 years, and has proven to be sustainable at current levels. However, House Bill 606 will shut down the industry statewide, without any scientific basis or possibility of compromise. Please do not pass this bill.

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HB 606 Opposed

H8 606 states, "Many coral reef fish and invertebrates have complex relationships with the overall ecology of the reef. Their removal may affect the long-term stability of these ecosystems. Significant population declines and major shifts in species diversity are now evident in coral reef areas where collection is occurring".

That statement is true as long as you are talking about non aquarium fish and all areas especially the FRA's where extraction is allowed. If the legislator is concerned about fish populations you should mandate DLNR to regulate all fish on the reef and then they have a chance to come back just as the aquarium fish have. How can a population such as the Achilles tang come back when the breeding populations have no protection. They can be taken in the FRAs just not by aquarium collectors.

The statement in the bill that states the open areas suffer from diversity totally ignores the science from fish surveys. Worried about fish diversity in the open areas? From Dr. Walsh's five year report. "In terms of the yearly differences in a species' abundance between the Open Areas and the FRAs, six species have been consistently more abundant in the FRAs than in the Open Areas. Eleven species showed no consistent pattern and 17 species were consistently more abundant in the Open Areas". Does that sound like a major shift in fish diversity in the open areas? Of course not. Not for aquarium fish.

The Big Island has by far the best snorkeling and dive sites of all the Hawaiian Islands both inside and out of the FRA's. The FRA's in West Hawaii surround Kailua town, all major hotel reef areas and villages to the south. There will never be a shortage of aquarium fish for our visitors to enjoy.

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Much of the anti-aquarium opinions come from the misinformed public. A major media smear campaign has been going on in the press and talks given to civic groups where false information has been given out. Bob Winthers paid for several tv spots on the History and Discovery channels slamming the aquarium fishery with false and misleading information. Unfortunately most people believe things at face value and don't take the time to call DAR for the truth. A recent example was in the West Hawaii Today in Monday's paper. It was printed that we clip the spines on fish so we can ship in a single bag to save money. We ship in double bags and only a few of the fish have the tips of the spines clipped. The opposition just makes up the most outlandish lies and then throws it out to the public like it is true. It also stated that the fish go through up to five parties in Hawaii before being shipped out with 40% mortality. Completely and utterly false. What is the public to think after reading this made up garbage?

TESTIFIER: Dr. Bruce Carlson

Waikiki Aquarium Director (1985 - 2002)

Georgia Aquarium, Conservation Director (2002-2010)

Present: Retired, Ewa Beach

COMMITTEE: Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

DATE & TIME: Wednesday February 11, 2015, 8:30am

MEASURE: HB 606

Good morning Chairman Ing and members of the Committee. My name is Bruce Carlson and I am the former Director of the Waikiki Aquarium, now retired. This testimony is presented on my own behalf.

I am testifying in opposition to HB 606.

This bill fails to provide adequate justification as to why a legitimate, sustainable fishery employing a large number of tax-paying citizens should be shut down. The bill mentions concerns about fish and ecosystem dynamics that have an element of truth, but no data or peer-reviewed publications are presented in evidence that any of the dire consequences of fish collecting have in fact been documented.

In contrast, the Legislature has in past years developed excellent legislation to resolve conflicts over the collection of aquarium fishes. ACT 306 of the 1998 session of the Legislature provided solid background information, and presented a well-reasoned framework for community action to resolve the issues - including follow-up assessments by DLNR. Community consensus, acting under the provisions of ACT 306, established extensive fishery management areas covering 35.2% of the West Hawaii coast. The DLNR 2015 Report on the Findings and Recommendations of Effectiveness of the West Hawaii Regional Fishery Management Area, attests to the effectiveness of the FRA's. Act 306's requirement for substantive community input has been described as "revolutionary". It is a great example of effective rule making, as compared to the unsupported findings and harsh provisions of HB 606.

Also, as a Hawaii taxpayer I object to provisions in this bill that would require my tax dollars to be used to re-train displaced fishermen for new jobs. This is an attempt to show compassion but it is not how I want my tax dollars spent. These fishermen are gainfully employed now, they are working in a legal and sustainable fishery, and they bring revenue into this state from their exports around the world. The Legislature should not be putting these people out of business.

I strongly oppose HB 606 and I urge you to not pass it out of this committee

Representative Kaniela Ing, Chair

Representative Nicole Lowen, Vice Chair

Committee on Ocean and Hawaiian Affairs

Hearing on February 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

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Scientific studies and data accumulated over almost sixteen years show increases in ornamental fish populations due to the management strategies already in place. There is no scientifically based rationale to support a moratorium on the well managed ornamental marinelife harvesting industry.

It should be the goal of this legislature to foster and promote small business – not to purposefully undermine and deter the efforts of these licensed fishermen, who have every right to sustainably and responsibly utilize this public resource as tax paying citizens of this state, just as do any other user groups.

I strongly oppose Bill 606.

Occupation: Biologist, author, manufacturer

Print Name: Julian Sprung

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Senator Sam Slom said it best recently on Hawaii Public Television in regards to the GMO issue. "Emotions Always Trumps Science".

That is exactly true and what is happening in our industry. The emotions and the wants of certain individuals that are not from Hawaii, whom have decided that local fisherman should not be allowed to make a living doing what they have done for over 50 years.

They want you to believe that the fish are being depleted from the ocean, however, there is scientific data denying that, however, they will say that DLNR is not accurate. The opposition would like to make the entire State of Hawaii a Hanauma Bay and why? Because it will benefit their snorkeling and tour businesses.

If you have been to Hanauma Bay in recent years the destruction of the reef is horrific. This was not due to aquarium fish collecting. That is a closed area to fisherman. So really where is the destruction of our reefs coming from, besides runoffs, pollution, global warming, etc? Certainly not from the aquarium industry!

Many times I have heard from local people that they wished all outsiders would go back to where they came from and even though I am an outsider myself, I have to agree. People come here to Hawaii not trying to fit into a culture that works, but instead wanting to change the culture to fit their beliefs and their ways. The people of Hawaii have been happy with life how they know it, and I too believe if you come here to live and you don't like the ways and culture as it is, then by all means go back to where you came from. I do not impose my beliefs on anyone and why should anyone else. When these outsiders don't agree with the local ways and they don't get their way, what do they do? Sue the State and waste taxpayer's money.

And now with this Bill they are offering to send us all to school to be reeducated. How insulting is this. With many of us in our 50s and 60s and many with college degrees and successful businesses!

We were presented Small Business Exporter for the City & County of Honolulu in 2012 by the Small Business Administration. We were recognized for our accomplishments and contributions to our State.

Best said by a young lady from Kona. We all need to get along. My thought, stop fighting and spread the Aloha. Life is too short and after all we live in the best State in the Nation.

Thank you,
Carina Sugiyama

Honolulu, 96816

January 26, 2015

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The aquarium industry is such a small group of people and such an inconsequential amount of fish being collected in the grand scheme of the fishing industry as a whole. Not only are there health benefits but there are the benefits to the local communities. Not only does it benefit the seller, or the diver, but all the local businesses that supply the resources and equipment that are needed to run this industry as well on a day to day basis. It also supports the local economies in the states and countries where the fish end up. Please don't allow this bill to pass

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My hyperactive nephew calms down when having a fish tank around. In has been an amazing addition to the home. The aquarium helps him sleep a lot better and makes him feel safe when the light is off.

Please don't pass this bill.

Signature Leri Duncan

Name (printed). Keri Duncan

Date: 1-26-15

Zip Code, 92117

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I have a family member who has made their living working in the aquarium industry for 35 years. I will always support keeping jobs local.

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Name (printed): Shannon Sugiyama

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When my grandmother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, after heavy research found that many studies have shown that an aquarium can improve health levels of those suffering from Alzheimer. After watching an aquarium, most patients regained their appetite and actually got their medication dose reduced. Some patients even registered a significant reduction in their aggressive behavior. There was an aquarium at the center she went to during the day, and I agree, it helped tremendously with her general mood in a positive way. Please take this into consideration, thank you.

Signature: Jodie Keegan

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Date: 1/25/2015

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I am opposed to HB 606. I have been working with saltwater fish since 1971. I started out as an aquarium fish collector in 1971, and by 1978 was working for exporters here. From 1993, I started my own export company and have been working this business for 22 years.

My company Wayne's Ocean World, Inc. was awarded the United States Small Business Administration's Exporter Award for 2012 in the City and County of Honolulu. Now HB606 wants to put me out of business, and retrain me into another field of work. I am going to be 62 years old this year. I should be coasting into retirement. Instead, every year I have to come down to the State Capitol and fight for my job. WHY???

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Kyler Sugiyama

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Jan 25, 2015 Rep. Kaniela Ing, Chairban House Committee on Ocean, marine Resources, and Howaiian affairs Law writing to you concerning House Bill 606. My son, Dentis Jamaquchi is a diver in aquarium fishery, who also takes care of me and help me financially as Lam a letiree on a fixed income. many of the dever abide and very aware of all the regulations and lews concerning marine life and resources as it is their their families. They contribute to the state economy, pay state and sederal taxes up-date required licenses and permits and attend meetings concerning their business: Passing HB 606 well truly affect many who are working hard the support of families and like my son, who is also you to please give your up most ansideration Wefore taking severe action on it. Thank you very much.

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Hawaii is globally recognized as the leader in sustainable aquarium trade practices and is considered to be one of the most meticulously managed fisheries in the world. The state of Hawaii has even come to the conclusion that its marine aquarium fishery is sustainable. The establishment of the WHFMA has been successful and has resulted in an overall increase in the number of aquarium fish on Hawaiian reefs. The "White List" is also a reasonable measure that effectively limits the species, number, and size of certain species collected for the aquarium fishery. Legislative action taken to close this fishery would completely ignore available scientific data and undermine all recent efforts in fisheries management.

I oppose HB606 which looks establishes a 10 year moratorium on the taking of aquarium fish. Provides assistance, training, and related employment services to workers dislocated by the moratorium.

HB606 will not fully guarantee the dislocated worker to things promised. BH606 also directly places the burden of paying for these services on the taxpayer.

I would rather the state halt all future licenses in regard to aquarium fishing and allow those who are currently licensed the ability to ride it out until they are able to relocate themselves to other opportunities outside of the aquarium fish industry.

Representative Kaniela Ing, Chair

Representative Nicole Lowen, Vice Chair

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Hearing on February 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

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The 2015 DLNR Report to the Legislature refutes the basis of HB 606. There are NOT three hundred collector permits as stated. There is no over-exploitation of the fish collected – if there was, the aquarium trade would out of necessity, cease to exist.

Further, there are no declines in species diversity as suggested. In fact, in summer 2014, local media and TV stations were featuring segments on the abundance of fish on the reef which was hailed as being "of epic proportions", unlike anything seen for 35+ years. Current populations of Yellow Tang, which comprises about 84% of total catch, is estimated to currently number approximately 3.6 million fish.

The entire premise of this bill is totally lacking in factual information and should be killed without question.

Establishing a ten year moratorium on the taking of aquarium fish essentially will close the industry, obviously the real intended purpose.

Suggesting a "retraining" program and employment services for fishermen that have done nothing else for most of their adult lives except fish and now mostly range in age from 40-70, is absurd, at best. Who pays for this retraining, and to do WHAT, exactly, given the few options in this economy – especially West Hawaii – where the bulk of collecting occurs?

Are we to assume the State has a secret slush fund to pay for all of these dislocated professional divers/collectors to in any way compensate them for lost wages and livelihood while this "retraining" takes place? Or to cover the cost of any "retraining" in any field that could compensate them and support their families in the manner required to maintain their current lifestyle and living situation?

Surely, this legislature will see this for the nonsense it is and abandon any notion of moving this forward.

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Representative Kaniela Ing, Chair

Representative Nicole Lowen, Vice Chair

Committee on Ocean and Hawaiian Affairs

Hearing on February 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO BILL 606

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Date: 2/8/15			
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February 9, 2015

Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: House Conference Room 325

The Honorable Kaniela Ing, Chair

The Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chair

House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

Re: Testimony Supporting H.B. No. 606 – Fishing Rights

Chair Ing, Vice Chair Lowen and Members of the House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs:

My name is Robert Wintner, Owner of Snorkel Bob, testifying in support of HB 606, which would prohibit the commercial sale of Hawaii reef wildlife for aquarium purposes for 10 years, but with an amendment to close it permanently.

Kona DAR reports "more fish than ever before!" That's on the 1/3 of the Kona Coast protected from the aquarium collection trade. The other 2/3 of unprotected reef are decimated, with fish populations down by 50-80% in any given year, including last year. Beyond that, saddle wrasses, teardrop butterflyfish species, cowfish and blueline butterflyfish are gone from many Kona reefs.

The vast majority of Hawaii people want the aquarium trade to end, as demonstrated in a Ward Research survey recently. Aquarium guru Jack Randall said, "Moratoriums don't work." A 10-year moratorium will likely result in rejuvenated reefs across Hawaii for that period of time, which will motivate a surge in new collectors and dealers once the moratorium is over.

The aquarium trade is a multi-billion dollar industry worldwide, selling tanks, stands, lights, filters, pumps, chemicals, heaters and little plastic treasure chests with skeletons popping out. It wants Hawaii reef wildlife at any cost. The cost to Hawaii's reefs and reef wildlife is, however, too high.

Please pass HB 606 with an amendment to permanently prohibit the commercial sale of Hawaii reef wildlife for aquarium purposes. Thank you.

HB 606

Testimony in support of bill

Growing up on the Big Island in the 1980's, diving in the waters, I have a personal experience of what the coral reef fish population used to be.

After graduating from Konawaena High School, I moved to the mainland where I was trained and certified as a Florida Marine Patrol Law Enforcement Officer (the largest marine law enforcement agency in the world). My specialties were to enforce both State and Federal waters to help protect the oceans from every kind of abuse and over use.

I can testify that in my professional experience as a expert in Marine Protected Areas, the tropical fish collecting in ANY AREA that it is allowed has a devastating and long lasting negative impact to all aspects of the area, including food fish impact.

Areas where aquarium collecting has been banned is a night and day difference in fish counts and coral reef health.

Moving back to Hawaii recently, I can also testify that Hawaii has suffered a dramatic decline in tropical fish counts as well as coral reef health.

By allowing aquarium fish collecting to continue, you are destroying the future for Hawaii's reef system and everything else that goes along with that.

I have been to countries as an advisor on Marine Protected Areas and can tell you that once the damage is done, it is almost impossible to ever return back to once healthy levels.

If you have any questions for me, I may be reached at the provided email address.

Mahalo Nui Loa

REPRESENTATIVE KANIELA ING, CHAIR

REPRESENTATIVE NICOLE LOWEN, VICE CHAIR

COMMITTEE ON OCEAN MANAGEMENT AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2015 AT 8:30 A.M.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL HB 511

I URGE THE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT AND PASS BILL 511. FISHERMEN SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PURSUE THEIR WORK WITHOUT FEAR OF RETRIBUTIONS OR HARASSMENT IN ANY FORM, PROVIDING THEY ARE ENGAGED IN ALLOWABLE FISHING ACTIVITIES.

VOTE FOR FISHERMEN AND PASS THIS BILL!

SIGNED: July	OCCUPATION:KN
PRINT NAME: Hide VHale	
DATE: 2/1/2/5	
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I strongly oppose Bill 606.	
Signed: Sair Sunson	_Occupation: <i>R.</i> \/
Print Name: Karin Brunsen	_
Date: 2-8-15	
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Lucia You	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: Respectfully, please amend HB606 to create a full ban

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Susan Douglas	Individual	Support	No	

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Brenda Kennerly	Individual	Support	No	

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From: Doris Chu <dorischu888@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 3:56 PM

To: omhtestimony Cc: Doris Chu

Subject: HB606: SUPPORT AND CHANGE TO "FOREVER" BAN

Aloha,

The 10 year moratorium on the taking of aquarium fish should be EXTENDED TO FOREVER BANNING AQUARIUM capture of any fish in and around Hawaiian waters, extending into the International zone.

MORE JOBS can be obtained from ECO TOURISM:

SCUBA TRIPS

AND RELATED TOURIST ACTIVITIES WILL BRING IN MORE MONEY and

WORKERS should be able to find jobs taking tourists on tours.

Many other countries found that with protected reefs and fish, their tourism INCREASED:

CUBA

THE PHILIPPINES

THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

PROTECTION of fish means increased businesses of tourists to Hawaii:

helping HOTELS

ECO TOURISM tours of people from the USA, Japan, other countries,

We are only given some fish species by GOD

and it is OUR JOB TO PROTECT THESE SPECIES FOR OUR GENERATION AND THE FUTURE GENERATIONS.

ONE DAY OF AQUARIUM COLLECTING

CAN DECIMATE ALL FISH SPECIES IN AN AREA SO THERE ARE

NO FISH LEFT IN THE AREA.

ONE DAY!

BAN AQUARIUM CAPTURE.

Also a resting period of months should be given to fish so they can procreate.

If spear and other fishermen keep on taking our fish, there will be NO fish at all.

Hawaiians had months where they banned fishing so the fish population could regrow.

We should do that too!

Aloha,

Doris Chu

From: Sent:

To: Subject:

Testimony Submittal <david@sharkville.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 12:54 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am

Name:	David Amack
E-mail:	david@sharkville.com
Island or City	San Diego
State	CA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, Temporary moratorium? Why, because in 10 years the reprehensible act of plundering the delicate reefs will somehow be less heinous?

Testimony Submittal <dfry@frycomm.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 9:58 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	David Fry
E-mail:	dfry@frycomm.com
Island or City	Ann Arbor
State	MI
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, We have been regular visitors to Hawaii for nearly 20 years. We spend 2-4 weeks on Maui and/or the Big Island each year. We come for a lot of reasons, but snorkeling and scuba diving is a major attraction for us. It's obvious to us, however, that the fish population has declined dramatically from when we first came in the mid 90s. Parts of the reef on the Big Island are barely even worth diving on now. We tour the world and we see what sea life can really be in places like Indonesia, Tahiti, Fuji, and the Maldives. Hawaii used to be like that, too. We hope you'll take steps to protect the Hawaiian reefs, for your citizens and your visitors. Thank you. David Fry and Meidee Goh

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <narcinu@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:20 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Narcís Nunyez
E-mail:	narcinu@gmail.com
Island or City	APARTAT 20049
State	Barcelona (spain)
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 9:51 PM

To: omhtestimony

Cc: leimomikekina@gmail.com

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Leimomi Dierks	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: Aloha and mahalo for giving me the opportunity to voice my concerns. A moratorium on aguarium fish collecting and selling would be an excellent solution, for the time being, or at least run a pilot and test how effective such a practice could be. There could possibly be different types of moratoriums as well, time or place. Certain times of the year, which are actually already in practice by way of the "kapu season" or open and closed seasons. And place moratoriums are also being practiced, fronting the Waikiki Aquarium. This program seems effective and seems to make a difference. Bottom line is, people should respect nature's cycles, and work with them, rather than just do and take as they please without regard to the future, not realizing our resources are finite if we do not manage them well. The ancients knew this all too well, and was thus able to thrive without contact from the outside world, supporting a population close to what it is today. That being said, I think it is important for the legislature to pass HB606, to help give Hawaii's marine life a fighting chance to survive. The marine life around our islands is the foundation of our survival, a part of our environment that we need to keep healthy However, it is also vital that the displaced workers be given assistance, training and education and perhaps even job placement. I understand many people's jobs will be at stake, and I sympathize. But I've been born and raised in Hawaii, and I'm not very old, and I have seen Hawaii's reefs deteriorate rapidly over the years, and the fish population decline drastically. Communities have taken it upon themselves to monitor their shorelines from poachers who harvest undersized fish and turtles. Our community's kupuna (elders) have less and less to eat, as they still depend and rely on the ocean to feed them. We need to do what we can to protect and preserve our natural environment so that those valuable resources are still around for our lifetime at least, if not for our children. Mahalo for your time! Aloha!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Raphiell Nolin	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: Save our reefs and our fishes!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
James McCay	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: SUPPORT HB606 Aloha! Thank you to the fine folks who created this awesome bill! I would hope that everyone in an elected position in Hawai'i has been diving or snorkeling. You should have also been to - or seen - other places on the planet. Or even just the NW HI islands... You would then KNOW the ocean ecosystems are in dire states. This is not an easy bill to pass and you'll hear of jobs on the line. So is life however. Please set an example and give the oceans a chance to regenerate some of what has been lost. Support this bill and be proud of what you do. Thank you for your time and serious consideration. Mahalo, James McCay, LEED AP Private, concerned citizen 2957 Kalakaua Ave Honolulu HI 96815

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: The damage that has already been done will take years to heal. Climate change is here and will likely make it much harder for our reefs to recover let alone thrive. Banning this trade is a No brainer! Protecting our reefs which protect the Aina and its inhabitants from swells, storms, hurricanes and tsunami's, requires a healthy biodiversity of our native reef fish. This biodiversity keeps invasive species & algae blooms in check so that the reefs can better battle things we have less control of such as increases of the oceans temperature due to climate change. The biodiversity as so contributes to tourism. Snorkeling rates very high on many of our guest to the island, must do list. As the health of the reefs decline our visitors can choose to go elsewhere to explore reef life.

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Cc: cindymaui@yahoo.com

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Cindy Williams	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: Please Support HB606 to close the aquarium trade for 10 years with an amendment to close it FOREVER! Thank you

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I	George Robertson	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: Make AQ collecting a permanent ban. Mahalo, George Robertson Waialea, Bay Hawaii Island

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Stephen Luksic	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: This should be a full ban, it may already be too late. but what little you can do to protect our oceans and reef you should.

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Charles Young	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: I support this bill. I believe that aquarium fish collecting should be banned however those who currently collect should be afforded the opportunity to develop different skills and employment elsewhere.

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	Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
ſ	Vivian S. Toellner	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: Aloha, For Hawaii's sake, please support any bill that protects our natural resources. Since money seems to be such a motivator....realize more money is made and kept in Hawaii by Tourism. Promote - Market Live tropical fish viewing here in Hawaii, in their natural habitat. Mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bob Babson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please save the coral reefs and fish. Please pass this moratorium on aquarium collecting. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Angela Huntemer	Individual	Support	Yes	

Comments: Aloha Representatives Ing, Lowen and Committee Members, I am here in support of HB606 with some reservations. I support a moratorium on the collection of reef wildlife for decoration. My reservations include 1/ A 10 year moratorium will not be enough to counteract the stressors of a warming ocean, increasing acidification, invasive algae and other species, disease, pollution and other runoff. 2/ The language in the bill regarding the "training" etc of "displaced workers" is vague. How many people and how much money are we talking about? I believe these people are experienced in a number of areas such as fish identification, diving, boating if they were educated on the importance of conservation some of them would be employed in the areas of tourism and research. Let's move this bill along and see what amendments may be appropriate. Thank you, Angela Huntemer.

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: support with amendment to make it a full-on ban

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Dave Kisor	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: I support HB606, as it imposes a ten year moratorium on the taking of reef fish, in order for the ecosystem a chance to recover. We need a Coastal Commission, much like California has.

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F	Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: Please support this bill. Extinction IS forever, and so should this prohibition be, but a decade is a good start, & gives our representaives 10 years to take the action to make it permanent. Mahalo, Mike Moran, Maui

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERNY:

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HB 883 + HB 606. I'M A INVENTABRATE MARINE LIFE COLLECTOR ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK IT PAYS MY BILLS. I COLLECT MOSTLY FEATHER DUSTONS

SEA CHAMBERS + LANE POLE SHAMP, IN OAHL WATERS (KANEOHE BAY). I'ME BEEN COLLECTING SINCE 1994 FOM (2) DIFFERENT ADVANIUM FISH DEALERS.

THE ADVANIUM FISH TRADE HAS HELPED ME + MY FAMILY, MY WIFE AND (4) CHILDREN. I HAD A FULL-HIME TOB + COLLECTED ON THE WEEKENDS. THE COST OF RAISHLY A FAMILY IS TREMENDOUS + WE WENT WHIH-OUT ON A lot THINGS.

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Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2015 10:57 AM

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HB606

Submitted on: 2/8/2015

Testimony for OMH on Feb 11, 2015 08:30AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: support with amendment to make it a full-on ban

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HB606

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Testimony for OMH on Feb 11, 2015 08:30AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Dave Kisor	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: I support HB606, as it imposes a ten year moratorium on the taking of reef fish, in order for the ecosystem a chance to recover. We need a Coastal Commission, much like California has.

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Representative Kaniela Ing, Chair

Representative Nicole Lowen, Vice Chair

Committee on Ocean Management and Hawaiian Affairs

Hearing on February 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB 606

Establishing a ten year moratorium on the taking of aquarium fish essentially will close the industry, obviously the real intended purpose.

Suggesting a "retraining" program and employment services for fishermen that have done nothing else for most of their adult lives except fish and now mostly range in age from 40-70, is absurd, at best. Who pays for this retraining, and to do WHAT, exactly, given the few options in this economy – especially West Hawaii – where the bulk of collecting occurs?

Are we to assume the State has a secret slush fund to pay for all of these dislocated professional divers/collectors to in any way compensate them for lost wages and livelihood while this "retraining" takes place? Or to cover the cost of any "retraining" in any field that could compensate them and support their families in the manner required to maintain their current lifestyle and living situation?

Surely, this legislature will see this for the nonsense it is and abandon any notion of moving this forward.

Signed: Occupation: Clark

Print Name: Trixy Sakato

Date: 2/8/15

Zip Code: 96704

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <lahainagrown@msn.com> Tuesday, February 10, 2015 9:45 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Ricky Biga
E-mail:	lahainagrown@msn.com
Island or City	Lahaina
State	Hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <pohuku@yahoo.com> Tuesday, February 10, 2015 2:00 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Walter Rees
E-mail:	pohuku@yahoo.com
Island or City	Honolulu
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

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Testimony Submittal <Keikilanigurl001@gmail.com> Tuesday, February 10, 2015 1:54 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Lindsay Rees
Keikilanigurl001@gmail.com
Honolulu
Hawaii
Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <evernw@aol.com> Tuesday, February 10, 2015 1:42 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To: Subject:

Name:	Evern Williams
E-mail:	evernw@aol.com
Island or City	Honolulu
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <kimo1246@yahoo.com> Tuesday, February 10, 2015 1:46 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Jim Williams
E-mail:	kimo1246@yahoo.com
Island or City	Honolulu
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
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Testimony Submittal <fancyone808@gmail.com> Tuesday, February 10, 2015 11:02 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Robin fancy
E-mail:	fancyone808@gmail.com
Island or City	555bFraser Av
State	НІ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov

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To: omhtestimony
Cc: mel@malinowski.com

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HB606

Submitted on: 2/10/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Mel Malinowski	South Kohala Reef Alliance	Support	Yes	

Comments: One of several bills with the goal of phasing out aquarium collecting, and worthy of our support. There are a couple of problems with the bill as written: The bill proposes a 10 year moratorium, followed by the automatic resumption of collecting. Marine biologists know temporary closures do not work in the long term. Just stop the collection. The legislature can always choose to re-enact it if they wish later. There is no point in retraining workers if they can just store the gear in their garage and plan on resuming collection in just 10 years. Collection for scientific study by specific permit should be allowed. Stiff penalties should be included. Those in HB873 would be a good model. I will testify in more detail on February 11th.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov

Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 10:32 AM

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Cc: cathyg@animalrightshawaii.org

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Support	Yes	

Comments: We ask that the moratorium be made into a complete permanent ban on trafficking in reef fish and corals.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Mary Ann Lammersen	Individual	Comments Only	No	

Comments: My particular comments at this time regarding HB606 are about how important our reef ecosystem is to the health of our oceans and biosphere. Any harvesting from or damage to the area of our reefs has the potential of creating an imbalance in the symbiosis that reef organisms depend on. Please use the precautionary principle and pledge to do no harm. Human-created havoc is not easily reversed so let us not start the degradation process now while we can support legislation which reflects the importance we place in the protection of our reefs.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Nancy Kurihara	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I strongly say No to HB606

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Grace Kamino	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I strongly say No to HB606

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Monica Mati	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I strongly oppose HB606

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
stephen c . howard	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: Please don't pass this bill HB606 I oppose

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Betty Velon	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I strongly oppose HB606

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Wayne Howard	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: Aloha, I am a Dive Instructor and boat Captain living in Kona, on the Big Island. I support a well-regulated tropical fish industry in Hawaii. The aquarium fishery in Hawaii has been monitored and regulated by the State for nearly 40 years, and has proven to be sustainable. However, HB 606 will shut down the industry statewide, without any scientific basis or possibility for compromise. Shutting down the industry will create economic hardships for mine and many families, as well as decreasing the State's income through lost taxes and increased welfare expenditures. And all this due to mostly non-local people and large, rich organizations from the mainland pursuing their personal vendettas. Please do not pass this bill. Mahalo,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Kanani blue	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I strongly oppose HB606

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
yuka yan	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I strongly oppose HB606

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
michael cooper	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I oppose

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
bob lake	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I oppose this bill

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
stephen howard	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: I oppose this bill it is based on lies and propaganda I oppose

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	Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Ī	David Dart	Individual	Oppose	Yes	

Comments: HB 606 states, "Many coral reef fish and invertebrates have complex relationships with the overall ecology of the reef. Their removal may affect the long-term stability of these ecosystems. Significant population declines and major shifts in species diversity are now evident in coral reef areas where collection is occurring". That statement is true as long as you are talking about non aguarium fish and all areas especially the FRA's where extraction is allowed. If the legislator is concerned about fish populations you should mandate DLNR to regulate all fish on the reef and then they have a chance to come back just as the aquarium fish have. How can a population such as the Achilles tang come back when the breeding populations have no protection. They can be taken in the FRAs just not by aquarium collectors. The statement in the bill that states the open areas suffer from diversity totally ignores the science from fish surveys. Worried about fish diversity in the open areas? From Dr. Walsh's five year report. "In terms of the yearly differences in a species' abundance between the Open Areas and the FRAs, six species have been consistently more abundant in the FRAs than in the Open Areas. Eleven species showed no consistent pattern and 17 species were consistently more abundant in the Open Areas". Does that sound like a major shift in fish diversity in the open areas? Of course not. Not for aquarium fish. The Big Island has by fa,r the best snorkeling and dive sites of all the Hawaiian islands both inside and out of the FRA's. The FRA's in West Hawaii surround Kailua town, all major hotel reef areas and villages to the south. There will never be a shortage of aquarium fish for our visitors to enjoy. Much of the anti-aquarium opinions come from the misinformed public. A major media smear campaign has been going on in the press and talks given to civic groups where false information has been given out. Bob Winthers paid for several tv spots on the History and Discovery channels slamming the aquarium fishery with false and misleading information. Unfortunately most people believe things at face value and don't take the time to call DAR for the truth. A recent example was in the West Hawaii Today in Monday's paper. It was printed that we clip the spines on fish so we can ship in a single bag to save money. We ship in double bags and only a few of the fish have the tips of the spines clipped. The opposition just makes up the most outlandish lies and then throws it out to the public like it is true. It also stated that the fish go through up to five parties in Hawaii before being shipped out with 40% mortality. Completely and utterly false. What is the public to think after reading this made up garbage?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Miki Hajek	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: The Hawaii state aquarium fishery is a totally sustainable fishery. Decades of fish counts, reef surveys and fishery management have proven that the fishery is healthy and robust. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!" So why are you trying to fix it?

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Committee on Ocean and Hawaiian Affairs

Hearing on February 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

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The premise of Bill 606 will have a profound impact on families in the Aquarium Trade, especially in West Hawaii and to the economy of Hawaii County and more broadly the entire state.

All scientific studies and data accumulated over almost sixteen years shows increases in fish populations due to the management strategies in place.

It should be the goal of this legislature to foster and promote small business – not to purposefully undermine and deter the efforts of these fishermen, which have every right to utilize this public resource as tax paying citizens of this state, just as does any other user group.

I strongly oppose Bill 606.		A
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February 9, 2015

House Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs Committee

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing today on behalf of Petco Animal Supplies, a responsible pet specialty retail leader. We have been in business since 1965 and currently operate over 1,300 stores nationwide and 9 stores in the state of Hawaii.

At Petco our entire business revolves around celebrating the human-animal bond and the joy pets bring to our lives. Petco's top priority is always the health and wellbeing of animals, including marine aquatic life. We have what we believe are the industry's strongest standards for animal health and welfare, both in our stores and with our suppliers.

Petco is committed to offering marine aquatic life that is either aquacultured or collected through practices that include careful attention to the sustainability and welfare of both the animals and the marine environments where they live. We applaud Hawaii and the success you have achieved regarding sustainable collection practices and environmental stewardship.

- Hawaii's aquarium industry is considered as one of if not the best regulated near-shore fishery in the world
- DLNR found that the West Hawaii Fish Replenishment Areas (FRAs), implemented in 1999, have been extremely successful in increasing populations of Yellow Tang (Zebrasoma flavescens) by over 64%.
- DNLR Aquarium 'White List' for West Hawaii of 40 species permitted for the aquarium trade is working. Fish not on the list cannot be collected for the aquarium trade.

Although we applaud these successes we feel that HB 606, HB 873 and HB 883 do not meet the stated objective of improving marine aquatic life welfare and/or sustainability and therefore Petco strongly opposes this legislation. We do support HB 511 and agree that there should be legal protection from harassment while conducting business.



We at Petco support responsible legislation and welcome the opportunity to work with you, your staff and other industry leaders in crafting legislation that would be more effective in accomplishing these goals while using science based methods.

I would be pleased to discuss our view with you further at your convenience. Please contact me at 858.453.7845 ext. 4049.

Respectfully,

Marcie Whichard VP, Industry and Public Affairs Petco Animal Supplies, Inc.

2/10/2015

Testimony in Opposition to HB606

Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs (OMH)

Dear Chair Ing and Committee Members,

Coral reefs exhibit a high degree of environmental complexity and they are equally influenced by various human activities; thus, they are among the most difficult natural resources to manage. The inability to differentiate natural environmental fluctuations from the effects of human activities like fishing leads to disagreement and controversy.

One of the latest products of such controversy is House Bill 606, which establishes a 10-year moratorium on the taking of aquarium fish in Hawaii. This hastily-proposed legislation is designed to disenfranchise associated aquarium fishery stakeholders rather than to produce helpful resource management solutions. The following points illustrate why HB606 is an ineffective policy:

- 1. The Hawaii Division of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR) Division of Aquatic Resources is currently tasked with managing coastal resources based on the best scientific information available. Scientists and policymakers have created and enforced statewide rules and regulations in addition to creating and monitoring a vast network of Fish Replenishment Areas along the Big Island's leeward coast. The passing of this bill would abandon decades of painstaking scientific research, resource management initiatives, and overall progress made the DLNR, without supporting scientific evidence.
- 2. This bill undermines the most economically significant inshore fishery in the state [valued at \$3.2 million in FY2002 (DAR 2002)]. **A ban on aquarium fishing means less money in our local economy**.
- 3. This bill assumes that aquarium fishermen are the primary cause fluctuations in fish populations, which is false. It does not take into consideration the ecological factors that influence fish abundance over time. Scientific evidence supports that aquarium fishing is a highly selective, low impact activity has no significant long-term impact on reef fish populations. Thus, eliminating aquarium fishing will not lead to a significant increase in coral reef fish abundance.
- 4. Rather than an outright ban, other fishery management tools, such as limited entry or an extension of the current system of fish replenishment areas, may prove far more effective in addressing overall fishery concerns.
- 5. **HB606** does not anticipate the probable limitations in enforcement capacity by the Hawai'i Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE), whose agents are currently taxed with enforcing various other state laws and rules involving historic sites, forest reserves, aquatic life and wildlife areas, coastal zones, conservation districts, and county parks.

- 6. **An effective solution must consider the bigger picture**, which includes the management of all nearshore human activities— such as destructive gear and by-catch from other nearshore fisheries, alien species, coastal development, tourism, runoff, and other pollution—which are all proven to cause significant changes to the environment.
- 7. Because the aquarium fishery in Hawaii is the most well monitored and managed aquarium fishery in the world, it currently serves as model to the greater Pacific region where collection of aquarium species is practiced. If a complete shutdown of our aquarium fishery were to occur, a shift in demand would follow, supporting nations whose policies continue to allow the use of destructive fishing practices.

I urge all resource users, policymakers, and concerned citizens to voice their opposition to this bill. Thank you.

Cody Chapin Graduate, University of Hawaii at Hilo Tropical Conservation Biology & Environmental Science Program



Feb. 10, 2015

RE: Testimony on HB 606

Dear State Legislators,

I am writing to urge that you <u>use the best available science</u> when making a decision on this bill. The text of <u>the bill as it stands now includes many false statements</u> regarding the threat of the aquarium trade to Hawaii's reefs and its people; these have been shown to be untrue based on decades of research by the Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources and my laboratory group.

I have been working in West Hawaii since 1992 when I served on the faculty at the University of Hawaii-Hilo until 1998; as faculty member at Washington State University since 1998; and at Humboldt State University since 2013. I have conducted multiple research projects on the aquarium fishery in West Hawaii including evaluating the effectiveness of the West Hawaii Regional Fishery Management Area (I helped author both the 2005 and 2010 Legislative reports), research on the habitat, ecology and genetics of aquarium fish, and the dynamics and long-term sustainability of the aquarium fishery. As a marine scientist I have authored or coauthored 20 scientific papers on West Hawaii through more than 20 funded research projects, many supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the State of Hawaii.

Fishery management in West Hawaii is unique for the <u>unparalleled amount and quality of scientific data available for management</u>, the effective leadership of DAR in West Hawaii by Dr. William Walsh, and the very important high level of engagement of the community through comanagement with DAR through the West Hawaii Fisheries Council (WHFC). As such they have repeatedly addressed emerging management issues that have been identified in West Hawaii using years of scientific research, committee meetings, and community discussions; all facilitated by the WHFC.

Based on many decades of work our research in West Hawaii has concluded:

- Most aquarium fish are yellow tangs caught from West Hawaii which has increased in abundance by 65% over the last 15 years;
- There have been no detected impacts of the aquarium trade to fish populations nor the health of coral reefs:
- The aquarium fishery is highly regulated with limits on species and number of fish;
- 99% of the yellow tangs are harvested without causing mortality;
- Fisher venting and barotrauma of yellow tangs caused no mortality nor sublethal effects for three weeks after collecting.

I recently conducted an international review of the global aquarium trade and published a paper with 18 co-authors, all experts in various fields relating to the aquarium trade (Tissot et al.,

2010, Marine Policy). One of the conclusions of our study was that Hawaii, and West Hawaii in particular, was one of the best-managed fisheries in the world. However, to continue this distinction the I am writing to urge that you <u>use the best available science</u> when making a decision on this bill. The text of <u>the bill as it stands now includes many false statements</u> regarding the threat of the aquarium trade to Hawaii's reefs and its people; these have been shown to be untrue based on decades of research by the Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources and my laboratory group.

Thank you in advance for this opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

Brian Tissot, Ph.D.

Director and Professor, Marine Laboratory, Humboldt State University

Tissot@humboldt.edu

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Senator Sam Slom said it best recently on Hawaii Public Television in regards to the GMO issue. "Emotions Always Trumps Science".

That is exactly true and what is happening in our industry. The emotions and the wants of certain individuals that are not from Hawaii, whom have decided that local fisherman should not be allowed to make a living doing what they have done for over 50 years.

They want you to believe that the fish are being depleted from the ocean, however, there is scientific data denying that, however, they will say that DLNR is not accurate. The opposition would like to make the entire State of Hawaii a Hanauma Bay and why? Because it will benefit their snorkeling and tour businesses.

If you have been to Hanauma Bay in recent years the destruction of the reef is horrific. This was not due to aquarium fish collecting. That is a closed area to fisherman. So really where is the destruction of our reefs coming from, besides runoffs, pollution, global warming, etc? Certainly not from the aquarium industry!

Many times I have heard from local people that they wished all outsiders would go back to where they came from and even though I am an outsider myself, I have to agree. People come here to Hawaii not trying to fit into a culture that works, but instead wanting to change the culture to fit their beliefs and their ways. The people of Hawaii have been happy with life how they know it, and I too believe if you come here to live and you don't like the ways and culture as it is, then by all means go back to where you came from. I do not impose my beliefs on anyone and why should anyone else. When these outsiders don't agree with the local ways and they don't get their way, what do they do? Sue the State and waste taxpayer's money.

And now with this Bill they are offering to send us all to school to be reeducated. How insulting is this. With many of us in our 50s and 60s and many with college degrees and successful businesses!

We were presented Small Business Exporter for the City & County of Honolulu in 2012 by the Small Business Administration. We were recognized for our accomplishments and contributions to our State.

Best said by a young lady from Kona. We all need to get along. My thought, stop fighting and spread the Aloha. Life is too short and after all we live in the best State in the Nation.

Thank you,
Carina Sugiyama

Honolulu, 96816

January 26, 2015

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The aquarium industry is such a small group of people and such an inconsequential amount of fish being collected in the grand scheme of the fishing industry as a whole. Not only are there health benefits but there are the benefits to the local communities. Not only does it benefit the seller, or the diver, but all the local businesses that supply the resources and equipment that are needed to run this industry as well on a day to day basis. It also supports the local economies in the states and countries where the fish end up. Please don't allow this bill to pass

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Name (printed): Nicholas Ball

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Committee on Ocean Management and Hawaiian Affairs

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My hyperactive nephew calms down when having a fish tank around. In has been an amazing addition to the home. The aquarium helps him sleep a lot better and makes him feel safe when the light is off.

Please don't pass this bill.

Signature Leri Duncan

Name (printed). Keri Duncan

Date: 1-26-15

Zip Code, 92117

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I have a family member who has made their living working in the aquarium industry for 35 years. I will always support keeping jobs local.

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Name (printed): Shannon Sugiyama

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When my grandmother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, after heavy research found that many studies have shown that an aquarium can improve health levels of those suffering from Alzheimer. After watching an aquarium, most patients regained their appetite and actually got their medication dose reduced. Some patients even registered a significant reduction in their aggressive behavior. There was an aquarium at the center she went to during the day, and I agree, it helped tremendously with her general mood in a positive way. Please take this into consideration, thank you.

Signature: Jodie Keegan

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Date: 1/25/2015

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I am opposed to HB 606. I have been working with saltwater fish since 1971. I started out as an aquarium fish collector in 1971, and by 1978 was working for exporters here. From 1993, I started my own export company and have been working this business for 22 years.

My company Wayne's Ocean World, Inc. was awarded the United States Small Business Administration's Exporter Award for 2012 in the City and County of Honolulu. Now HB606 wants to put me out of business, and retrain me into another field of work. I am going to be 62 years old this year. I should be coasting into retirement. Instead, every year I have to come down to the State Capitol and fight for my job. WHY???

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Kyler Sugiyama

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Jan 25, 2015 Rep. Kaniela Ing, Chairban House Committee on Ocean, marine Resources, and Howaiian affairs Law writing to you concerning House Bill 606. My son, Dentis Jamaquchi is a diver in aquarium fishery, who also takes care of me and help me financially as Lam a letiree on a fixed income. many of the dever abide and very aware of all the regulations and lews concerning marine life and resources as it is their their families. They contribute to the state economy, pay state and sederal taxes up-date required licenses and permits and attend meetings concerning their business: Passing HB 606 well truly affect many who are working hard the support of families and like my son, who is also you to please give your up most ansideration Wefore taking severe action on it. Thank you very much.

Please Do Not Pass HB 606 Sincerely, Buth Yahraguchi Pearl City, H1 96782

Testimony in opposition to Bill HB606

Do not pass HB606. Marine aquarium fish are good educational displays for the children of Hawaii.

Dale YAMAGUCHI Vaultai Pearl City 96182 1/25/15

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Seeing Hawaiian fish in aquariums brings more tourists to Hawaii. Do not pass HB606.

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There is no scientific evidence to support banning the capture and sale of Hawaiian aquarium fish. Do not pass HB606.

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Pearl City 96782 Jan.25, 2015

As a veterinarian I strongly support careful management. The taking of limited quantities of marine animals for the aquarium trade pales in significance compared to food fishing. Controlled harvesting provides income for many people along the chain from harvest to sale. I strongly support well managed harvesting of animals for the trade.

Barry Cooper barry.cooper@mac.com

I oppose HB606

How can you make educated decisions without the required education?

Brett Moore

moorebrette@yahoo.com

Regulations are fine but complete bans hurt the economy and cause people to lose jobs.

Doug Hall kritterkove2010@hotmail.com Opposition for HB606
Please make decisions based on the science not emotion.
Eathan Baring
Charles Baring
ethan.baring@charter.net
stephen.baring@charter.net

As a Ph.D. candidate at UH Manoa who works on coral reefs, I care deeply and passionately about protecting them. If the facts were with the people that seek to ban fishing for the aquarium trade, I would be with them. However, the facts are against them. The best way to protect our reefs and reef fish is through effective science-based management. Banning aquarium fishing hurts people in our state and in others and will not provide the benefits that opponents of aquarium fishing imagine.

Christopher Jury

Opposition for HB606
Regulation based on science not hearsay or urban myth. Please check facts and build legistation on them. Thanks!
Rosemary Thomas
thomasrosemary1959@gmail.com

I oppose HB606

Please rely on science over popular opinion on this matter, as an avid diver comming to hawaii annually, (spending thousands of dollars) the bigger problem is damage to the reefs by the noneducated users of the near shore fisheries, I see people standing on living reefs every year killing coral.

Jason Jacobs jmj6239@yahoo.com I oppose HB606
Aquarium fishing in HI is already higly regulated and ensures new fish every year, therefore it is not in danger
Herman Rikkers
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Protecting the environment works best when more parties are involved in success, not less. The fish sold into the saltwater hobby market create a business model that demands long term planning vs short term deplete and relocate thinking from foreign fish factories.

Protect, yes. Shutdown, no. Be a model for Eco tourism and Eco business.

Andrew Howard icecap7@me.com

The trade provides income to many and education makes the public aware of the beauty of marine life, providing a massive income in the economy. So much is destroyed by envoirnmental disasters, man made, that a ban is a total hypocrisy, awareness will encourage safe guarding and finance in managing the reefs and fish that thrive on them.

David Craskey craskedavid@gmail.com

Stop basing low on emotions and base it on facts.

Fred Krauth sunar357@gmail.com

Making public policy and wildlife management based on opinions of a vocal few, and without adequite data is always a bad idea. This proposed ban will also hurt small business people, send US jobs overseas, and increase the negative impact on third world nations without restrictions or sustainable harvesting plans. In the end this will harm and entire industry and result in increased costs and poorer quality for the consumer, and increased mortality rates for the wildlife.

Mark Simon

Opposition for HB873 and HB606

Please consult with actual fisheries scientists before making hasty decisions. A properly managed aquarium fish harvest policy creates a strong economic constituency for reef preservation.

Keith Lagley

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We need more jobs not lessregulate but not prohibit!!!

Rosa Morales

Oppose HB606

Please don't give in to false claims and unscientific campaigns. If you do you are contributing to one to the main reasons our country is in trouble. Have the courage to understand the science and facts and standup to those who use fear and ignorance to get their way.

Douglas Gilliland dougcgill@yahoo.com

I oppose HB606

Before passing any legislation please consider all variables and possible ramifications. The aquarium industry is not responsible for the destruction of coral reefs, other factors are more detrimental. Its illogical to assume that the ornamental aquarium industry can't continue with sustainable conservation methods allowing regulated fishing practices.

Thank you for your time.

Sean Stalter

opposition to hb606

protection is a good idea, but a complete ban would be an overreaction. scientifically based quotas will keep jobs but not destroy ecosystems and can be adjusted as needed. please use common sense on this decision and study the facts and not base your vote on unsubstantiated emotionally charged rhetoric

thomas hayden

This proposed ban goes against all facts and evidence.

Chip Bridges blueridgereefpet@gmail.com opposing hb 606

it's important that state waters are managed to the benefit of the ecosystem as well as commerce. if data showed a significant negative impact, i would not be sending this.

josh jones

Oppositon to HB606
Practice resposable reef manament and allow for the fishing to continue.
Robert Taylor

I am all for being eco friendly and protecting endangered species but a broad ban on all fishing or collecting without getting scientific proof makes no sense.

Ronald Reusch

The scientific data shows that this "threat" is purely emotional and not based on actual facts.

If you truly want to protect the reefs, please make all tourists take a 30 minute snorkeling class and pass a written test before renting snorkeling gear. When we were in Maui in April 2010, I was appalled at the way most tourists were treating your most precious resource. It is quite obvious that ignorant tourists do far, far more damage than responsible fishing.

Jason Kreiger jason@creager.com

Please embrace peer reviewed science to adjust our behaviors based on the best data available

Thank You Randy Olsen

I'm in full support of the using fisheries, aquaculture and mariculture corals before removing life from the reefs but this bill is targeting them also. I feel that if this passes in one of the most controlled collection areas in the world a domino effect may take place and that would devistate the aquarium trade.

Brandon Cabral rasta_mon_420@yahoo.com

I believe this should not pass. I believe the regulations and protections are in place to insure the safety of the ECO system.

Sincerly

Rodney Gilbert

Manage it, dont' ban it. Believe in the Science. Michael Hensel mjhensel@aol.com

I think it quite possible to manage and maintain a sustained fishery. Im a avid sportsman, both a fisherman, hunter and saltwater aquarium keeper.

Thank You, Mike Lawens

Oppositon HB606 and HB873

Hawaii fish have been collected for years...it's wrong to ban "managed" fisheries...
Jazz Velain

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Targeting the Aquarium trade for declines in fish is wrong. The ugly truth is its the developments for Tourism that is responsible.

Thank You

James Mercer

This bill would put hundreds of people out of work, not to mention devastation the Marine Fish hobby! The collectors are responsible and are not doing damage to the reef.

Scott Wilson scottwilson@unclebills.com

There is to much government reglations now and to take the lively hood from hard working families is rediculus!

Dennis Foglesong the-pier@live.com

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please do not ban the fishing in hawaii, my family depends on my business and the ban would have a severe impact on my livelyhood kevin biele

While maintaing wildlife and reefs are very important, this ban is unreasonable. There are many regulations and controls already in place to prevent over-fishing.

Scott Faulker

The fishery is a well managed and sustainable providing a valuable source of marine fish for public aquaria around the globe to help educate the general public about marine conservation. the Hawaiin aquarium fish has for a long time been held up as an example of a sustainably viable fishery with a global benchmark. It should not be stopped purely on the basis of a phyliosophical oposition by a minority.

Lyle Squire lyle.jnr@cairnsmarine.com

Sustainable Management-Not Ban of all Aquarium Fishing!

Michael Mathews exoticaquatics@comcast.net

Please Say No to HB606

This proposed ban would greatly damage many small businesses nation wide.

Lynda Birdwell saltwatersanctuary@yahoo.com

Opposing HB606

JOBS, NOT BANS!

Mike Proctor blackfish@cox.net

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For Sustainably Marine Ornamental Fish, Not a Ban

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A sustainable fishery is achievable, and Hawaii has it.

Carl Grooms resiroof@verizon.net

This can be done responsibly. A ban is not necessary. Enforcing a ban will take as much effort as enforcing select and responsible harvesting.

Jeffrey Hoy

Oppositon HB606 and HB873

I support the conservation of the islands resources but do not agree that it is necessary for a total ban on fisheries

Orlando Guilarte cojonuo1@aol.com

l oppose HB606

Make legislature based on accurate facts not politics. Stephen Sefcik outback14@verizon.net 1 oppose HB606

I OPPOSE ANY LEGISTRATION RESTRICTING COLLECTION OF MARINE TROPICAL FISH FROM HAWAIN WATERS. I DO AGREE THAT SUSTAINABLE QUOTAS SHOULD BE INPLACE. WHY IS IT OKAY TO KILL FISH THRU FISHING BUT NOTCOLLECTING THEM FOR AQUARIUM

Patrick Lanzarone p@thecoralreef.com

opposition To hb606

proper management and allocation of resources is necessary to maintain proper and healthy ecosystems. Under proper legislation the aquarium industry can continue to flourish. Banning aquarium sales while practices such as drag netting and long lining are still allowed is moronic. not only does this ban inhibit aquarium enthusiast from supporting anAmerican business, it costs people jobs. I must request you do not pass this ban and concentrate on more sensible and pressing matters

jonathan roath jdroath@hotmail.com

I visit and scuba dive in Hawaii fpr two weeks every year. I am a time share owner and pay taxes over \$1,200 plus all the sales tax I pay when visiting Hawaii. I am also a Marine Aquarium owner and I do not support the current legislation that would effectively ban the aquarium trade. I believe that the current management of the industry provides superior support of the fish. population

Michael Jones michaeljjones@yahoo.com

I think aquariums are a great way to show people how beautiful and special fish are. And will inspire people to want to protect them. Please vote NO to HB606

Sincerly, John Bottari woodspinner100@gmail.com

I believe responsible use of our natural resources can be a win/win for our environment and wildlife as well as preserving jobs. Especially now with our economy suffering Please vote No to Hb606

Tom Hayden addocdreef@yahoo.com

Oppose Hb606

We want science proof the fishery should be banned, not some emotional argument about keeping fish for pets.

Steve Delgado steve.d.delgado@aexp.com

The amount of fish taken out of the hawaian waters doesn't hurt the population at all, why ban?

jonathan krupski

Oppositon HB606

Please end ridiculous legislation without scientific data to back it up. Come on people, use your heads!

Tina Neal

I do not support HB606. Please do not pass this.

Brian Coble Kailua Kona br14nwisboy@yahoo.com

Please don't give in to false claims and unscientific campaigns. If you do you are contributing to one to the main reasons our country is in trouble. Have the courage to understand the science and facts and standup to those who use fear and ignorance to get their way.

Douglas Gilliland dougcgill@yahoo.com

I, Zach Lin, a tourist of Hawaii oppose Hb606. There is no need to ban a sustainable fishery.

Sincerly Zach Lin callmejason@hotmail.com

As a property owner in Hawaiian Acres, Kurtistown, and a future resident of said place and a registered voter I am totally against the fishing ban. Hawaii is all about fishing, chase away the foriegn boats who rape our seas, extend the limit to 200 miles.

Ronald Michalik romn45@sbcglobal.net

opposition for hb 606 I think fishing and the study of fish is great. Do not ban this fishery.

Ryan McDonald rmac0089@yahoo.com

Oppose Hb606

I love to fish and i have fish tanks at my home to show my kids and teach them about nature, IS THIS WRONG?

Dont ban this fishery.

Robert Mckey

rdtmack@yahoo.com

Dont ban the aquarium trade. We need the yellow tangs.

Tommy Adams cornelia5150@gmail.com

The education of our future in the water relies on what we learn in the home aquarium, zoo aquarium, and classrooms. If we cannot collect fish we cannot properly observe and examine them for learning purposes, and most of all the enjoyment.

Alexander Herrera k2master@bellsouth.net

Please do not pass HB606.

Sincerly,
Linda Jablonski
Hawaii resident
Ijablonski@hawaii.rr.com>

Oppose Hb606

I have traveled to many pacific islands and am an avid snorkeller and diver. In paticular I would like to address the islands of Fiji. They also have a healthy aquarium trade. The snorkelling off the main island is not even worth putting a mask on. While you can snorkel right from the beach at most of the little archipelagos, with minimal development and no commercial agriculture, provide some of the best snorkelling in the world. The main island has agriculture and real estate development that runs off right into the ocean. I think these activities effect fisheries 1000x more than aquarium trade collection.

Amber Moran ambermoran2@gmail.com

To Whom It May Concern,

It is critical that elected officials and regulators know the aquarium industry has made great strides in recent years.

Our organization, Aquarius Aquarium Institute, has created educational programs that continue to advance long-term

success of human care of Hawaiian coral reef fishes in aquaria.

Banning their responsible collection will not benefit natural populations nor increase species diversity in Hawaiian waters. Bans will only serve to slow the demonstrable progress of aquarium husbandry in this century and weaken

citizen passion for conserving coral reef habitats by not sharing Hawaii's bounty with the world.

Sincerty, Tom Lang

To Whom It May Concern,

As a tourist of Hawaii and a supporter of sustainable fishing I am in opposition to - HB 606. The science does not back up the proponents claims. If you do not agree with the science, then why even bother having it carried

Respectfully,

Cy Forell cyforell@hotmail.com

Oppose HB606

l oppose HB606.

Lee J. Hoover resident of CO and tourist of Hawaii

Science is science, and emotions are just that. Let the science manage the fishing management plan!

Robert Felkins robert@aspxdevelopment.com

Reasonable regulation is necessary, but a complete ban is way overkill.

Charles George charlesgeorge 1@me.com

Hawaii is truely a great place. With the backing of "River Monsters", how could this possibly be shut down or anything even close to a bad thing? I love fish, and I know they do too.

Respectfully Nicholas Roedell nroedell@comcast.net

fish keep does nothing but help us understand more and more. Dont ban it.

jose dominguez

I would really love to know how in this country of ours that the minority always seems to beat out the majority. Records show that fish collecting in a responsible manor are in no way destroying the reef or eco system. In a time when so many people are out of work that you would consider such a ban is unthinkable. You would not only be closeing your waters for collection this would be causing a ripple affect of biblical magnitude! I beg you to rethink this. I understand the magnitude of this. Do You?

Roger Brant brantana@aol.com

Oppose HB606

Fishery Management and aquaculture can be self-policing. Great steps have been taken in shipping and husbandry of aquarium inhabitants. Carpet Banning does not promote sustainability of natural resources nor solve underlying problems. Hyperbole on both sides needs to be avoided.

Nate Dannenberg natedannenberg@hotmail.com

Oppose HB606

I have been a marine hobbyist and conservationist for over 27 years and know that the proposed ban in question is wrong. Science does not back up the claims made. Why would politicians want to put so many people out of work in times like these?

William` Howell cmacmike@yahoo.com

oppose hb606

this would be n I thought we want to improve the economy not harm it nits better to buy fish then have to catch people catching the fish n harm the ecosystem

sandy santiago ricanboi5150@yahoo.com Opposed to HB606

There should not be a complete ban!

Dustin Bax dustinb2331@gmail.com

Oppose HB 606

We oppose the bill hm606 Our industry does an exceptional job in the care and transport of these animals. As well we are always trying to better these practices. Shutting down a whole industry for the betterment of another would be a travisty. As a tourist of Hawaii, I spend alot of time in the water and there are alot of fish.

Bill Trufant #251-661-3474 opposing hb 606

collecting of fish should not be banned just monitored and controlled, which is it

chase spurlock

chase_spurlock@yahoo.com

Oppose Hb606

Please do not ban fishing in anyform.

anthony akins the_akins15946@comcast.net

To Whom it may concern,
The is a completely invalid ban, find something better to do than pick on a sustainable fishery.

Respectfully John Brownell Jr

toxophilite80@gmail.com

The aquarium hobby needs to keeps alive for educational purposes. Do not ban the trade in Hawaii.

Adrian Duran

perlorarm@aol.com

Oppose Hb606

Dont ban fisheries in Hawaii

RICARDO BELLO ricardobello1977@yahoo.com

I will keep this short and simple, I trust and believe in this petition with all that is in me, I know they cross their ts and dot their i's when it comes to the care of their fishery and rules and regulations, they are providing a severice, to help ensure the existence of species yes in people's homes, but this give whom ever the chance to expierience somthing beautiful in life and trust me when I say, people like me who purchase these live animals on the Internet do our research and take pride in the animal and great care, and we all show them around and teach others of them, this keeps the hobby and life style going and on my part all the kids in my neighborhood come over all the time just to look and watch them and they ask do many questions it's great they get to learn from me and learn of others animals in our world our oceans, this is my passion, please don't let that dissapere, and keep on the passion these neighborhood kids are growing

Joseph Carr carrjoe27@gmail.com

To Whom it may concern,

I support managed and sustainable collection, not banning.

Kevin Branning kbranning@stpetewifi.com

Natural Resources are for everyone, when managed, we all benefit.

Bryan Poston ckrb26@aol.com

Please Oppose Hb 606

I love the fish and the reefs why should the study and pleasure of fishing and fisherys and a agariums be tooken away in a free country how does the make sense?

Chelsea Howell chelseaclaire09@yahoo.com

Please Oppose Hb606

Captivity breeding for fish and aquatic animals is the future, due to human destruction of the environment. Unless you mandate a stop to human overbreeding, the natural environment will not survive, thus aquariums and captive breeding is the last resource to maintaining all these beautiful species. We do not need a ban.

Jaime Barrachina

barrachina.jaime@gmail.com

Opposition HB606

I don't feel a ban is in order. I feel that proper husbandry and research into breeding will help keep the numbers stable.

Joshua Adams ridin5pointohhh@aol.com

Please Oppose Hb 606

A total ban is not good for Hawaii economy. How about targeting those who don't respect the reef and the regulations regarding this type of fishing?

Mahalo,

Aisea Tuikolovatu
bestchoiceinconstruction@msn.com

Oppose HB606

Why let the facts get in your way, like the anti hunter or anti fisherman

Thomas Daly tcat61967@yahoo.com

In my opinion, the aquarium trade is mostly run by honest business owners selling to hobbyists to enlighten and show their appreciation of aquatic life. I also know if several implementations of the hobby keeping endangered species alive that are threatened in nature. No to bans.

Kelly Fitzgerald kpfitzgerald@gmail.com

Regulating and taxing this industry will do more to support the wildlife than an outright ban because it will create more wildlife defenders whose economic well being depends on healthy reefs. Bans are naive and ultimately counterproductive.

Neal Langan neallangan@verizon.net

Opposition HB606

No to Bans!

Regulations that would put any company or business out of operation are completely uncalled for at a time when unemployment in our country is so high.

Christopher Matthew Reisen

chrisreisen47@hotmail.com

Opposition HB606

We derive our income in a big way from Hawaiian waters. We want the fish around for generations to come both for me to help people enjoy in their homes and for my son to enjoy on his visit to your beautiful state.

Dirk Johnson wwdirk@hotmail.com

Oppose HB606

Government should keep out of shit like this and let scientists do their job. No Banning

Del Wortman paloozie@gmail.com

Oppose HB606

A well managed sustainable fishery such as now in place in Hawaii is both an acceptable use of resources and important to the economy not just of Hawaii but of the US. The take by cmmercial ornamental fisherman is of minimal impact when properly amnaged.

Richard Strieber

kofi@stic.net

Opposition HB606

Please don't shut down the fish trade.

Sincerly, Michael Blaze majorondabeatz@gmail.com

Opposing HB606

I vote NO on the ban any form of fishing within State waters

Josh Randall

jran029@aol.com

Opposing HB606

science says it all! you just have to listen and it says no bans chris frey freyfox@aol.com

Oppose to HB606

I have kept aquarium fish for a decade; it is a passion I will never lose. I have kept many Hawaiian fish responsibly. The claims made by snorkel bob are false. Please do some proper research and come to the correct conclusion:not to ban the collection

CJ Chao cjchao8@gmail.com

Oppose HB606

I love my aquarium. Any person who is into aquariums big, usually takes good care of them very well. To ban aquarium fishing would just make it that much harder to enjoy their beauty. Not only are aquariums educational but they are a magnificent hobby that many people take pride in.

Brent Thompson

brent1717@hotmail.com

Vote No on HB606

Let's not stop anymore people from being able to make a living in this country. PEOPLE NEED JOBS!

William Jackson wwjackson2@yahoo.com Vote No to HB606

I fell that should this bill pass a serious blow to free enterprise will be dealt.

John Soboda jsoboda@gmail.com

Opposition to HB606

Many aquatic species are only in existence now thanks to people who love them in their aquariums, and the ones that go out and fish for them. Do not ban this sustaiable fishery

Sarah Leonard smile180.sl@gmail.com

oppose hb606

The trade leads to education and conservation of these animals, this will not help or solve anything. Find a solution instead of a dumb blame game which will cost pepole jobs and hurt the economy, Instead mae sure pepole put back into the oceans with time and money and community service

Shaun Donahue shaundon84@hotmail.com

Opposition to HB606

I myself am tired of the people of our country ignorantly trying to ban all hunting and fishing rights when millions of dollars is spent to manage wildlife i wish they would research things before they display there unintelligent side.

Ronald Warren ronwarren 08@gmail.com

Please oppose HB606

I do not believe in fish bans

Scott Tallkington talkington2009@live.com

Opposition to Hb 606

There is sound science for collection of fish species. Cark Cooker carlitofish@yahoo.com

no to hb 606

i think that fishing the reef is a good thing because in this economy every bit helps and because of hawaiian economy count's on tourist's and no one is going on vacation this is a good way for them to make money butt i do think that there needs to be laws and seasons and size limits for each species of fish that is taken from the reef to protect the reef and to give a little peace of hawaiia for the person that otherwise would never be able to enjoy its true wonder in real life

stephen crawford s.crawford1@yahoo.com

opposition hb6o6

most people are responsable with there fish, no need to ban

stephen wood draxlith@yahoo.com

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Coral Connection #504-467-4566

No to HB606

I support managed fishing and not a total band

Ralph Ammirati aquariumnetwork@gmail.com

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VOTE FOR FISHERMEN AND PASS THIS BILL!

SIGNED:

OCCUPATION: REtail SALES

PRINT NAME:

DATE: 2/8/

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Please pass Bill 511		
Signed: An lun	Occupation_Can	F.slerman
Print Name: Polick Hon		1
Date: 2-9-15		
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SIGNED:OCCUPATION:	Fisherman
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PRINT NAME: Neil Dait

DATE: 9-15

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Signed: Sold Occupation Chip Print Name: Stephen 6. Bauman Date: 2-8-15

Zip Code: 96740

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Signed: TBullock Occupation Homemaker

Print Name: Tarah Bullock

Date: Feb. 8, 2015

Zip Code: 96737

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Print Name: Janet Dait	
Date: 2-8-15	
Zip Code: 96745	

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CCUPATION: C.N.H.

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VOTE FOR FISHERMEN AND PASS THIS BILL!

SIGNED: Developer OCCUPATION: Red Estate Developer

PRINT NAME: DAVID ELBOGEN

DATE: 2/8/2015

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Please pass Bill 511

Signed: Walter (Indred - Hefred Investor

Print Name: WACTER ANDREAE

Date 2/9 / 15

Zip Code: 16 140

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Please pass Bill 511

signed: Theresa ancheae: Retered Jeacher

Print Name: TOERESA Andreas

Date: 2 - 9 - 15

Zip Code: 76740

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HEARING ON FEB. 11, 2015 @ 8:30 A.M. FOR HB 511 - SUPPORT

Aquarium fishermen are operating as sanctioned, licensed businesses and deserve legal protection from the harassment of those seeking to prevent them from exercising their legal rights to collect fish in their designated areas of the coastline.

Animal rights activists routinely seek publicity and escalation when confronting fishermen going about the business of earning a living in the manner for which they have been licensed by the State of Hawaii.

Despite the fact that the aquarium trade is the most regulated near shore fishery in Hawaii, they are constantly singled out, harassed and targeted by animal rights activists.

Harassment MUST stop in the interest of everyone's well being.

We urgently need Bill 511 to be enacted and passed as soon as possible.

Signed:

Occupation:

Print Name

Date:

Zip Code: Y

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PRINT NAME:_

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Please pass Blil 511

signed: atu: tryte

Occupation Barista

Print Name: Akemi Krystal

Date: 2/7/2015

Zip Code: 96740

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I support the right of fishermen to pursue their livelihood without fear of harassment and obstruction as permitted by the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Signed: OL NOOD Occupation: CORPORATE OFFICER

Print Name: LUCIANO PERING

Date: 2.8.15

Zip Code: 96740

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SIGNED:	OCCUPATION: COFFEE ALSMER
PRINT NAME: ERIL	
DATE: 2-8-15	
ZIP CODE: 9672	

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OCCUPATION: Lond Scape

PRINT NAME: Kyle Di

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SIGNED:

PRINT NAME: CHRISTINE D. PAUL, RETIRED

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PRINT NAME: THOMAS J. RUSSI, RETIRED

DATE: 2/7/15

ZIP CODE: 96740

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SIGNED: HILLRUMWING COCUPATION

PRINT NAME: HILLERY GUNTHER

DATE: 2/7/15

ZIP CODE: 96727

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SIGNED: Juge L'EMILS OCCUPATION: Ketired Educator

DATE: 2-7

ZIP CODE: 9/57

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PRINT NAME: LENDY DAR.PI

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OCCUPATION: CAPTO AGLERY

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I strongly oppose Bill 606

Signed: CMBrown	Occupation:
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Occupation: Operations Mxc.

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Signed:

Print Name: Dave Harmonys
Date: 2/10/2015

As a veterinarian I strongly support careful management. The taking of limited quantities of marine animals for the aquarium trade pales in significance compared to food fishing. Controlled harvesting provides income for many people along the chain from harvest to sale. I strongly support well managed harvesting of animals for the trade.

Barry Cooper barry.cooper@mac.com

I oppose HB606

How can you make educated decisions without the required education?

Brett Moore

moorebrette@yahoo.com

Regulations are fine but complete bans hurt the economy and cause people to lose jobs.

Doug Hall kritterkove2010@hotmail.com Opposition for HB606
Please make decisions based on the science not emotion.
Eathan Baring
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ethan.baring@charter.net
stephen.baring@charter.net

As a Ph.D. candidate at UH Manoa who works on coral reefs, I care deeply and passionately about protecting them. If the facts were with the people that seek to ban fishing for the aquarium trade, I would be with them. However, the facts are against them. The best way to protect our reefs and reef fish is through effective science-based management. Banning aquarium fishing hurts people in our state and in others and will not provide the benefits that opponents of aquarium fishing imagine.

Christopher Jury

Opposition for HB606
Regulation based on science not hearsay or urban myth. Please check facts and build legistation on them. Thanks!
Rosemary Thomas
thomasrosemary1959@gmail.com

I oppose HB606

Please rely on science over popular opinion on this matter, as an avid diver comming to hawaii annually, (spending thousands of dollars) the bigger problem is damage to the reefs by the noneducated users of the near shore fisheries, I see people standing on living reefs every year killing coral.

Jason Jacobs jmj6239@yahoo.com I oppose HB606
Aquarium fishing in HI is already higly regulated and ensures new fish every year, therefore it is not in danger
Herman Rikkers
nanrikkers@hotmail.com

Protecting the environment works best when more parties are involved in success, not less. The fish sold into the saltwater hobby market create a business model that demands long term planning vs short term deplete and relocate thinking from foreign fish factories.

Protect, yes. Shutdown, no. Be a model for Eco tourism and Eco business.

Andrew Howard icecap7@me.com

The trade provides income to many and education makes the public aware of the beauty of marine life, providing a massive income in the economy. So much is destroyed by envoirnmental disasters, man made, that a ban is a total hypocrisy, awareness will encourage safe guarding and finance in managing the reefs and fish that thrive on them.

David Craskey craskedavid@gmail.com

Stop basing low on emotions and base it on facts.

Fred Krauth sunar357@gmail.com

Making public policy and wildlife management based on opinions of a vocal few, and without adequite data is always a bad idea. This proposed ban will also hurt small business people, send US jobs overseas, and increase the negative impact on third world nations without restrictions or sustainable harvesting plans. In the end this will harm and entire industry and result in increased costs and poorer quality for the consumer, and increased mortality rates for the wildlife.

Mark Simon

Opposition for HB873 and HB606

Please consult with actual fisheries scientists before making hasty decisions. A properly managed aquarium fish harvest policy creates a strong economic constituency for reef preservation.

Keith Lagley

Oppositon HB606

We need more jobs not lessregulate but not prohibit!!!

Rosa Morales

Oppose HB606

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Douglas Gilliland dougcgill@yahoo.com

I oppose HB606

Before passing any legislation please consider all variables and possible ramifications. The aquarium industry is not responsible for the destruction of coral reefs, other factors are more detrimental. Its illogical to assume that the ornamental aquarium industry can't continue with sustainable conservation methods allowing regulated fishing practices.

Thank you for your time.

Sean Stalter

opposition to hb606

protection is a good idea, but a complete ban would be an overreaction. scientifically based quotas will keep jobs but not destroy ecosystems and can be adjusted as needed. please use common sense on this decision and study the facts and not base your vote on unsubstantiated emotionally charged rhetoric

thomas hayden

This proposed ban goes against all facts and evidence.

Chip Bridges blueridgereefpet@gmail.com opposing hb 606

it's important that state waters are managed to the benefit of the ecosystem as well as commerce. if data showed a significant negative impact, i would not be sending this.

josh jones

Oppositon to HB606
Practice resposable reef manament and allow for the fishing to continue.
Robert Taylor

I am all for being eco friendly and protecting endangered species but a broad ban on all fishing or collecting without getting scientific proof makes no sense.

Ronald Reusch

The scientific data shows that this "threat" is purely emotional and not based on actual facts.

If you truly want to protect the reefs, please make all tourists take a 30 minute snorkeling class and pass a written test before renting snorkeling gear. When we were in Maui in April 2010, I was appalled at the way most tourists were treating your most precious resource. It is quite obvious that ignorant tourists do far, far more damage than responsible fishing.

Jason Kreiger jason@creager.com

Please embrace peer reviewed science to adjust our behaviors based on the best data available

Thank You Randy Olsen

I'm in full support of the using fisheries, aquaculture and mariculture corals before removing life from the reefs but this bill is targeting them also. I feel that if this passes in one of the most controlled collection areas in the world a domino effect may take place and that would devistate the aquarium trade.

Brandon Cabral rasta_mon_420@yahoo.com

I believe this should not pass. I believe the regulations and protections are in place to insure the safety of the ECO system.

Sincerly

Rodney Gilbert

Manage it, dont' ban it. Believe in the Science. Michael Hensel mjhensel@aol.com

I think it quite possible to manage and maintain a sustained fishery. Im a avid sportsman, both a fisherman, hunter and saltwater aquarium keeper.

Thank You, Mike Lawens

Oppositon HB606 and HB873

Hawaii fish have been collected for years...it's wrong to ban "managed" fisheries...
Jazz Velain

Oppositon HB606 and HB873

Targeting the Aquarium trade for declines in fish is wrong. The ugly truth is its the developments for Tourism that is responsible.

Thank You

James Mercer

This bill would put hundreds of people out of work, not to mention devastation the Marine Fish hobby! The collectors are responsible and are not doing damage to the reef.

Scott Wilson scottwilson@unclebills.com

There is to much government reglations now and to take the lively hood from hard working families is rediculus!

Dennis Foglesong the-pier@live.com

oppose hb606

please do not ban the fishing in hawaii, my family depends on my business and the ban would have a severe impact on my livelyhood kevin biele

While maintaing wildlife and reefs are very important, this ban is unreasonable. There are many regulations and controls already in place to prevent over-fishing.

Scott Faulker

The fishery is a well managed and sustainable providing a valuable source of marine fish for public aquaria around the globe to help educate the general public about marine conservation. the Hawaiin aquarium fish has for a long time been held up as an example of a sustainably viable fishery with a global benchmark. It should not be stopped purely on the basis of a phyliosophical oposition by a minority.

Lyle Squire lyle.jnr@cairnsmarine.com

Sustainable Management-Not Ban of all Aquarium Fishing!

Michael Mathews exoticaquatics@comcast.net

Please Say No to HB606

This proposed ban would greatly damage many small businesses nation wide.

Lynda Birdwell saltwatersanctuary@yahoo.com

Opposing HB606

JOBS, NOT BANS!

Mike Proctor blackfish@cox.net

Opposing HB606

For Sustainably Marine Ornamental Fish, Not a Ban

Idrees Mariners idris@terangi.or.id

Opposing HB606

A sustainable fishery is achievable, and Hawaii has it.

Carl Grooms resiroof@verizon.net

This can be done responsibly. A ban is not necessary. Enforcing a ban will take as much effort as enforcing select and responsible harvesting.

Jeffrey Hoy

Oppositon HB606 and HB873

I support the conservation of the islands resources but do not agree that it is necessary for a total ban on fisheries

Orlando Guilarte cojonuo1@aol.com

l oppose HB606

Make legislature based on accurate facts not politics. Stephen Sefcik outback14@verizon.net 1 oppose HB606

I OPPOSE ANY LEGISTRATION RESTRICTING COLLECTION OF MARINE TROPICAL FISH FROM HAWAIN WATERS. I DO AGREE THAT SUSTAINABLE QUOTAS SHOULD BE INPLACE. WHY IS IT OKAY TO KILL FISH THRU FISHING BUT NOTCOLLECTING THEM FOR AQUARIUM

Patrick Lanzarone p@thecoralreef.com

opposition To hb606

proper management and allocation of resources is necessary to maintain proper and healthy ecosystems. Under proper legislation the aquarium industry can continue to flourish. Banning aquarium sales while practices such as drag netting and long lining are still allowed is moronic. not only does this ban inhibit aquarium enthusiast from supporting anAmerican business, it costs people jobs. I must request you do not pass this ban and concentrate on more sensible and pressing matters

jonathan roath jdroath@hotmail.com

I visit and scuba dive in Hawaii fpr two weeks every year. I am a time share owner and pay taxes over \$1,200 plus all the sales tax I pay when visiting Hawaii. I am also a Marine Aquarium owner and I do not support the current legislation that would effectively ban the aquarium trade. I believe that the current management of the industry provides superior support of the fish. population

Michael Jones michaeljjones@yahoo.com

I think aquariums are a great way to show people how beautiful and special fish are. And will inspire people to want to protect them. Please vote NO to HB606

Sincerly, John Bottari woodspinner100@gmail.com

I believe responsible use of our natural resources can be a win/win for our environment and wildlife as well as preserving jobs. Especially now with our economy suffering Please vote No to Hb606

Tom Hayden addocdreef@yahoo.com

Oppose Hb606

We want science proof the fishery should be banned, not some emotional argument about keeping fish for pets.

Steve Delgado steve.d.delgado@aexp.com

The amount of fish taken out of the hawaian waters doesn't hurt the population at all, why ban?

jonathan krupski

Oppositon HB606

Please end ridiculous legislation without scientific data to back it up. Come on people, use your heads!

Tina Neal

I do not support HB606. Please do not pass this.

Brian Coble Kailua Kona br14nwisboy@yahoo.com

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Douglas Gilliland dougcgill@yahoo.com

I, Zach Lin, a tourist of Hawaii oppose Hb606. There is no need to ban a sustainable fishery.

Sincerly Zach Lin callmejason@hotmail.com

As a property owner in Hawaiian Acres, Kurtistown, and a future resident of said place and a registered voter I am totally against the fishing ban. Hawaii is all about fishing, chase away the foriegn boats who rape our seas, extend the limit to 200 miles.

Ronald Michalik romn45@sbcglobal.net

opposition for hb 606 I think fishing and the study of fish is great. Do not ban this fishery.

Ryan McDonald rmac0089@yahoo.com

Oppose Hb606

I love to fish and i have fish tanks at my home to show my kids and teach them about nature, IS THIS WRONG?

Dont ban this fishery.

Robert Mckey

rdtmack@yahoo.com

Dont ban the aquarium trade. We need the yellow tangs.

Tommy Adams cornelia5150@gmail.com

The education of our future in the water relies on what we learn in the home aquarium, zoo aquarium, and classrooms. If we cannot collect fish we cannot properly observe and examine them for learning purposes, and most of all the enjoyment.

Alexander Herrera k2master@bellsouth.net

Please do not pass HB606.

Sincerly,
Linda Jablonski
Hawaii resident
Ijablonski@hawaii.rr.com>

Oppose Hb606

I have traveled to many pacific islands and am an avid snorkeller and diver. In paticular I would like to address the islands of Fiji. They also have a healthy aquarium trade. The snorkelling off the main island is not even worth putting a mask on. While you can snorkel right from the beach at most of the little archipelagos, with minimal development and no commercial agriculture, provide some of the best snorkelling in the world. The main island has agriculture and real estate development that runs off right into the ocean. I think these activities effect fisheries 1000x more than aquarium trade collection.

Amber Moran ambermoran2@gmail.com

To Whom It May Concern,

It is critical that elected officials and regulators know the aquarium industry has made great strides in recent years.

Our organization, Aquarius Aquarium Institute, has created educational programs that continue to advance long-term

success of human care of Hawaiian coral reef fishes in aquaria.

Banning their responsible collection will not benefit natural populations nor increase species diversity in Hawaiian waters. Bans will only serve to slow the demonstrable progress of aquarium husbandry in this century and weaken

citizen passion for conserving coral reef habitats by not sharing Hawaii's bounty with the world.

Sincerty, Tom Lang

To Whom It May Concern,

As a tourist of Hawaii and a supporter of sustainable fishing I am in opposition to - HB 606. The science does not back up the proponents claims. If you do not agree with the science, then why even bother having it carried

Respectfully,

Cy Forell cyforell@hotmail.com

Oppose HB606

l oppose HB606.

Lee J. Hoover resident of CO and tourist of Hawaii

Science is science, and emotions are just that. Let the science manage the fishing management plan!

Robert Felkins robert@aspxdevelopment.com

Reasonable regulation is necessary, but a complete ban is way overkill.

Charles George charlesgeorge 1@me.com

Hawaii is truely a great place. With the backing of "River Monsters", how could this possibly be shut down or anything even close to a bad thing? I love fish, and I know they do too.

Respectfully Nicholas Roedell nroedell@comcast.net

fish keep does nothing but help us understand more and more. Dont ban it.

jose dominguez

I would really love to know how in this country of ours that the minority always seems to beat out the majority. Records show that fish collecting in a responsible manor are in no way destroying the reef or eco system. In a time when so many people are out of work that you would consider such a ban is unthinkable. You would not only be closeing your waters for collection this would be causing a ripple affect of biblical magnitude! I beg you to rethink this. I understand the magnitude of this. Do You?

Roger Brant brantana@aol.com

Oppose HB606

Fishery Management and aquaculture can be self-policing. Great steps have been taken in shipping and husbandry of aquarium inhabitants. Carpet Banning does not promote sustainability of natural resources nor solve underlying problems. Hyperbole on both sides needs to be avoided.

Nate Dannenberg natedannenberg@hotmail.com

Oppose HB606

I have been a marine hobbyist and conservationist for over 27 years and know that the proposed ban in question is wrong. Science does not back up the claims made. Why would politicians want to put so many people out of work in times like these?

William` Howell cmacmike@yahoo.com

oppose hb606

this would be n I thought we want to improve the economy not harm it nits better to buy fish then have to catch people catching the fish n harm the ecosystem

sandy santiago ricanboi5150@yahoo.com Opposed to HB606

There should not be a complete ban!

Dustin Bax dustinb2331@gmail.com

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Bill Trufant #251-661-3474 opposing hb 606

collecting of fish should not be banned just monitored and controlled, which is it

chase spurlock

chase_spurlock@yahoo.com

Oppose Hb606

Please do not ban fishing in anyform.

anthony akins the_akins15946@comcast.net

To Whom it may concern,
The is a completely invalid ban, find something better to do than pick on a sustainable fishery.

Respectfully John Brownell Jr

toxophilite80@gmail.com

The aquarium hobby needs to keeps alive for educational purposes. Do not ban the trade in Hawaii.

Adrian Duran

perlorarm@aol.com

Oppose Hb606

Dont ban fisheries in Hawaii

RICARDO BELLO ricardobello1977@yahoo.com

I will keep this short and simple, I trust and believe in this petition with all that is in me, I know they cross their ts and dot their i's when it comes to the care of their fishery and rules and regulations, they are providing a severice, to help ensure the existence of species yes in people's homes, but this give whom ever the chance to expierience somthing beautiful in life and trust me when I say, people like me who purchase these live animals on the Internet do our research and take pride in the animal and great care, and we all show them around and teach others of them, this keeps the hobby and life style going and on my part all the kids in my neighborhood come over all the time just to look and watch them and they ask do many questions it's great they get to learn from me and learn of others animals in our world our oceans, this is my passion, please don't let that dissapere, and keep on the passion these neighborhood kids are growing

Joseph Carr carrjoe27@gmail.com

To Whom it may concern,

I support managed and sustainable collection, not banning.

Kevin Branning kbranning@stpetewifi.com

Natural Resources are for everyone, when managed, we all benefit.

Bryan Poston ckrb26@aol.com

Please Oppose Hb 606

I love the fish and the reefs why should the study and pleasure of fishing and fisherys and a agariums be tooken away in a free country how does the make sense?

Chelsea Howell chelseaclaire09@yahoo.com

Please Oppose Hb606

Captivity breeding for fish and aquatic animals is the future, due to human destruction of the environment. Unless you mandate a stop to human overbreeding, the natural environment will not survive, thus aquariums and captive breeding is the last resource to maintaining all these beautiful species. We do not need a ban.

Jaime Barrachina

barrachina.jaime@gmail.com

Opposition HB606

I don't feel a ban is in order. I feel that proper husbandry and research into breeding will help keep the numbers stable.

Joshua Adams ridin5pointohhh@aol.com

Please Oppose Hb 606

A total ban is not good for Hawaii economy. How about targeting those who don't respect the reef and the regulations regarding this type of fishing?

Mahalo,

Aisea Tuikolovatu
bestchoiceinconstruction@msn.com

Oppose HB606

Why let the facts get in your way, like the anti hunter or anti fisherman

Thomas Daly tcat61967@yahoo.com

In my opinion, the aquarium trade is mostly run by honest business owners selling to hobbyists to enlighten and show their appreciation of aquatic life. I also know if several implementations of the hobby keeping endangered species alive that are threatened in nature. No to bans.

Kelly Fitzgerald kpfitzgerald@gmail.com

Regulating and taxing this industry will do more to support the wildlife than an outright ban because it will create more wildlife defenders whose economic well being depends on healthy reefs. Bans are naive and ultimately counterproductive.

Neal Langan neallangan@verizon.net

Opposition HB606

No to Bans!

Regulations that would put any company or business out of operation are completely uncalled for at a time when unemployment in our country is so high.

Christopher Matthew Reisen

chrisreisen47@hotmail.com

Opposition HB606

We derive our income in a big way from Hawaiian waters. We want the fish around for generations to come both for me to help people enjoy in their homes and for my son to enjoy on his visit to your beautiful state.

Dirk Johnson wwdirk@hotmail.com

Oppose HB606

Government should keep out of shit like this and let scientists do their job. No Banning

Del Wortman paloozie@gmail.com

Oppose HB606

A well managed sustainable fishery such as now in place in Hawaii is both an acceptable use of resources and important to the economy not just of Hawaii but of the US. The take by cmmercial ornamental fisherman is of minimal impact when properly amnaged.

Richard Strieber

kofi@stic.net

Opposition HB606

Please don't shut down the fish trade.

Sincerly, Michael Blaze majorondabeatz@gmail.com

Opposing HB606

I vote NO on the ban any form of fishing within State waters

Josh Randall

jran029@aol.com

Opposing HB606

science says it all! you just have to listen and it says no bans chris frey freyfox@aol.com

Oppose to HB606

I have kept aquarium fish for a decade; it is a passion I will never lose. I have kept many Hawaiian fish responsibly. The claims made by snorkel bob are false. Please do some proper research and come to the correct conclusion:not to ban the collection

CJ Chao cjchao8@gmail.com

Oppose HB606

I love my aquarium. Any person who is into aquariums big, usually takes good care of them very well. To ban aquarium fishing would just make it that much harder to enjoy their beauty. Not only are aquariums educational but they are a magnificent hobby that many people take pride in.

Brent Thompson

brent1717@hotmail.com

Vote No on HB606

Let's not stop anymore people from being able to make a living in this country. PEOPLE NEED JOBS!

William Jackson wwjackson2@yahoo.com Vote No to HB606

I fell that should this bill pass a serious blow to free enterprise will be dealt.

John Soboda jsoboda@gmail.com

Opposition to HB606

Many aquatic species are only in existence now thanks to people who love them in their aquariums, and the ones that go out and fish for them. Do not ban this sustaiable fishery

Sarah Leonard smile180.sl@gmail.com

oppose hb606

The trade leads to education and conservation of these animals, this will not help or solve anything. Find a solution instead of a dumb blame game which will cost pepole jobs and hurt the economy, Instead mae sure pepole put back into the oceans with time and money and community service

Shaun Donahue shaundon84@hotmail.com

Opposition to HB606

I myself am tired of the people of our country ignorantly trying to ban all hunting and fishing rights when millions of dollars is spent to manage wildlife i wish they would research things before they display there unintelligent side.

Ronald Warren ronwarren 08@gmail.com

Please oppose HB606

I do not believe in fish bans

Scott Tallkington talkington2009@live.com

Opposition to Hb 606

There is sound science for collection of fish species. Cark Cooker carlitofish@yahoo.com

no to hb 606

i think that fishing the reef is a good thing because in this economy every bit helps and because of hawaiian economy count's on tourist's and no one is going on vacation this is a good way for them to make money butt i do think that there needs to be laws and seasons and size limits for each species of fish that is taken from the reef to protect the reef and to give a little peace of hawaiia for the person that otherwise would never be able to enjoy its true wonder in real life

stephen crawford s.crawford1@yahoo.com

opposition hb6o6

most people are responsable with there fish, no need to ban

stephen wood draxlith@yahoo.com

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Coral Connection #504-467-4566

No to HB606

I support managed fishing and not a total band

Ralph Ammirati aquariumnetwork@gmail.com

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Are we to assume the State has a secret slush fund to pay for all of these dislocated professional divers/collectors to in any way compensate them for lost wages and livelihood while this "retraining" takes place? Or to cover the cost of any "retraining" in any field that could compensate them and support their families in the manner required to maintain their current lifestyle and living situation?

Surely, this legislature will see this for the nonsense it is and abandon any notion of moving this forward.

Signed: Occupation: Logistics Management

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The entire premise of this bill is totally lacking in factual information and should be killed without question.

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It should be the goal of this legislature to foster and promote small business - not to purposefully undermine and deter the efforts of these fishermen, which have every right to utilize this public resource as tax paying citizens of this state, just as does any other user group.

I strongly oppose Bill 606.	0 ,	C
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I oppose HB 606. A moratorium is a ban, plain and simple. It is unfathomable that the state of Hawaii would kill an entire industry and shut down Hawaii businesses that have been responsibly and sustainably operating for decades as indicated by DLNR statistics with over 15 years of data.

The idea that this legislation offers job retraining for those that have been in the trade their entire adult lives, with no proven harm to the environment, is dismissive of all the hard work, effort, and financial risk undertaken to build these businesses.

This bill will inflict human hardship on collectors, exporters, and the myriad of individuals and businesses that would be impacted both directly and indirectly by such an ill- conceived measure. Does this committee honestly believe that collectors and exporters who have worked in this industry for 30 or 40 or 50 years could be retrained for any gainful employment at their advanced ages?

Who would pay for this retraining, and how would these families survive without any income in the meantime to support themselves and their lifestyles? What could they possibly be retrained to do that would compensate them for the loss of their livelihoods by any similar financial measure?

To have other user groups complain about the aquarium trade is opportunistic and hypocritical. It is merely an attempt to be the squeaky wheel, and use the legislature to gain a business advantage in the ocean resources exclusively, not protect Hawaii.

I have been repeatedly told by many legislators to whom I have spoken that "their constituents want a ban". I am here today as a tax paying, voting constituent, and I do NOT support a ban or a moratorium or whatever you wish to label it.

I urge you to listen to science, especially the most recent 2015 DLNR report to the legislature. Surely, science and rational, clear thinking will prevail over zealotry by those who feel keeping fish in an aquarium as pets is immoral.

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I do not support lawmakers passing laws like this. Focus on passing laws that help the people and not ones that put them out of business. The aquarium fishery is just like any other fishery, once a fish is taken it is gone from the ecosystem regardless of the final destination.

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Elizabeth A. Lindley 14-5030 (Keala pua H. Kai Que Kong (Hi 910740

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I strongly oppose Bill 606

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Date: 2-9-15	
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Print Name: DAVID ELBOGEN	_
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I oppose HB 606. A moratorium is a ban, plain and simple. It is unfathomable that the state of Hawaii would kill an entire industry and shut down Hawaii businesses that have been responsibly and sustainably operating for decades as indicated by DLNR statistics with over 15 years of data.

The idea that this legislation offers job retraining for those that have been in the trade their entire adult lives, with no proven harm to the environment, is dismissive of all the hard work, effort, and financial risk undertaken to build these businesses.

This bill will inflict human hardship on collectors, exporters, and the myriad of individuals and businesses that would be impacted both directly and indirectly by such an ill-conceived measure. Does this committee honestly believe that collectors and exporters who have worked in this industry for 30 or 40 or 50 years could be retrained for any gainful employment at their advanced ages?

Who would pay for this retraining, and how would these families survive without any income in the meantime to support themselves and their lifestyles? What could they possibly be retrained to do that would compensate them for the loss of their livelihoods by any similar financial measure?

To have other user groups complain about the aquarium trade is opportunistic and hypocritical. It is merely an attempt to be the squeaky wheel and use the legislature to gain a business advantage in using the ocean resource exclusively, not protect Hawaii.

I have been repeatedly told by many legislators to whom I have spoken that "their constituents want a ban". I am here today as your constituent, I do NOT support a ban or a moratorium or whatever you wish to label it.

I urge you to listen to science, especially the most recent 2015 DLNR report to the legislature. Surely, science and rational, clear thinking will prevail over zealotry by those who feel keeping fish in an aquarium as pets is immoral.

Signed: Occupation.

Print Name: WOUTH HORUND

Zip Code: 9 (2740

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Print Name: Christine D. Paul, Retired

Date: 2/7/15

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Print Name: <u>Alexandra Ball</u>

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Name (printed): Leslie A.C. Awana Sr.

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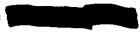
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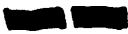
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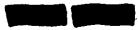
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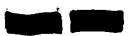
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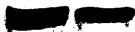
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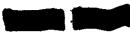


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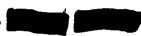


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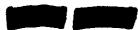
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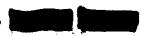
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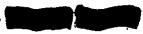
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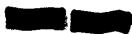


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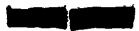


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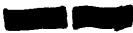


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Aloha Committee Members,

My name is Randy Fernley, I own Coral Fish Hawaii with my wife and I strongly oppose HB 606.

Located in Aiea on Oahu, **Coral Fish Hawaii** is the largest retail tropical fish store in the state selling both saltwater and freshwater fish, aquariums and aquarium supplies. This Bill, if it goes forward, will be a death sentence for the store and my family. I would also be personally responsible for over \$300,000 in rent to my landlord for the term of my lease.

Coral Fish Hawaii currently supports 15 employees and contributes well over a million dollars to the economy of Hawaii each year. I feel that lack of due diligence on the part of certain legislators is disgraceful. Legislators listening to vocal activists without actively investigating an issue and introducing legislation is a reason why I often question our democratic society.

Over the past 35 years, Coral Fish Hawaii has contributed to the enjoyment of tropical fish to untold thousands of people within state-not to mention the hundreds of kids we have given our ongoing school lectures and tours to. I can't tell you how many times people have come up to me stating that we helped them set up a small marine aquarium when they were kids and thanked me for exposing them to the wonders of the ocean. If this bill were to pass, we would definitely close- no more lectures and tours for the keikis, no more fish in aquariums at hospitals, doctors' offices and hotels. Simply, no more fish for people to see and enjoy- especially for those who don't or can't go in the ocean.

I believe that this bill is being initiated by select few vocal activists who feel that having an ocean aquarium in front of their million dollar house trumps a locally sustainable and well regulated fishery. The DLNR has shown that regulation works as proven in their recently published 5 year study.

Over the past 10 years, I have had to come down to lobby, educate and testify in front of legislators who hold my life and future in their hands- How do I plan my future?? But quite frankly, My resolve will continue to prove that our industry is not the bad guy certain activists paint us as. We are local, we are sustainable and we are well regulated.

The introduction of this bill by certain legislators is irresponsible given that their focus should be on bigger issues-and not putting people and an entire industry out of work. Please do not allow this bill to proceed.

Thank you for your time and Aloha,

John R Fernley "Randy"/ Owner- Coral Fish Hawaii

Testimony -HB 606

Hearing: Wed 2/11/15

House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

Testimony in Opposition of Bill HB 606

February 9, 2015

Chairperson Ing and Committee Members,

My name is Dennis Yamaguchi and I am a full time commercial fisherman for aquarium fish on Oahu. I support a well regulated tropical fish industry in Hawaii. The aquarium fishery in Hawaii has been monitored and regulated by the state for nearly 40 years, and has proven to be sustainable at current levels by scientific data. However, House Bill 606 will shut down the industry statewide, based on a user conflict which has its origins on the outer islands.

I have been diving for aquarium fish on Oahu since the mid 1960's. We have had no major problems here during all that time. There have been gentlemen's agreements on no fish areas, individual go betweens, and even State assisted meetings in an effort to avoid or mitigate user conflicts before they become serious. In the 2010 State of Hawaii census, Oahu had approximately 950,000 residents; almost a million people. One would think user conflicts would be extremely high here on Oahu due to the large population. It is not. Despite this fact, we are being forced to give up our livelihood by events happening on the outer islands

Please to not pass HB606. Thankyou.

Dennis Yamaguchi

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Date of Hearing: February 11, 2015 8:30AM

Aloha,

I am a voting resident of Hawaii County and I fish in the West Hawaii Regional Fishing Management Area (WHRFMA) for aquarium fish. I have been fishing in the WHRFMA since 1980 prior to it becoming the WHRFMA. The State Legislature has already passed Act 306 in 1998 to ensure the area is well managed, carefully monitored, and fishing is sustainable. I have kept keypoints to one page and respectfully request they be considered as Bill 606 will end my career of collecting fish in Hawaii since 1967 and create enormous financial hardship. While the DLNR's" Report to the Thirtieth Legislature2015 Regular Session-Report on the Findings and Recommendations of Effectiveness of the West Hawai'i Regional Fishery Management Area" does make some recommendations a moratorium is certainly not one of them.

<u>Bill 606 States:</u> "Currently, there are approximately three hundred total permits, commercial and recreational, to take aquarium fish."

Please check with DAR how many of these permits are active and utilized to actually collect fish on a regular basis. My girlfriend holds such a permit and has not collected a fish in years. Why does she hold this? She holds this license in case one day she is with me diving and collects a fish than we will not have broken any regulation. Many of these permits are held for similar reason or held in the hope they will become valuable if a Limited Entry program is initiated as in Florida.

<u>Bill 606 States:</u>"Because aquarium fish collectors are highly selective and often capture large quantities of individual fish of high value, the potential for over-exploitation is high."

Currently the Aquarium Fishery is the most regulated inshore fisheries in the State of Hawaii, this is to prevent over-exploitation. The fishery is considered a model for other Aquarium Fisheries in the Pacific Region due to the high quality of the fish, the excellent management of the fishery, and the monitoring in place. Potential for over-exploitation does not mean there is over-exploitation. Does the Legislature intend to place moratoriums on all activities that have the potential for over-exploitation even if well regulated to prevent over-exploitation as the aquarium fishery is?

The basis of Bill 606 is flawed as the examples above indicate and would shut a well-managed fishery. The Aquarium Fishery provides jobs and income that contribute to a diversified Hawaii economy and that income is spent locally to provide additional economic benefits. It is sustainable and has been a fishery that has operated in Hawaii for over fifty years and is known for its quality.

Anthony Nahacky

Re: Bill H. B. 606 – Hawaii Resident/Fish Packer- Against House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

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Aloha,

I am a voting resident of Hawaii County and my sole income for the last 20 years has been from collecting or packing aquarium fish from the West Hawaii Regional Fisheries Management Area. The legislature in 1999 required by law a five year report that details the status of the AquariumFishery in which I work. While I have noticed numerous individuals that are not fisheries biologists interpreting data Ibelieve the scientists tasked with this work by the State of Hawaii should be the individuals the legislature should look to for the current status of the Aquarium Fishery. I believe that if the Legislature would speak to the key individuals in DAR that monitor the Aquarium Fishery they would find it to be a well-managedand sustainable fishery.

With that in mind I would like to bring to your attention how Bill H.B. 606 affects those that are in the fishery whether they collect, export, or pack the fish.

- There seems to be a perception that the fishery requires no long-term investment and that retraining will resolve hardships. In fact a good aquarium facility without building expense can easily cost \$100,000.00. The equipment will be unsaleable with a moratorium and individuals may have considerable debt with no means to repay it.
- Many of those involved in the fishery have homes with mortgages or children that require schooling and care. It is not exactly clear how these expenses would be met being as H.B. 606 proposes an immediate closure. Retraining as proposed does not result in immediate income whereas closure results in immediate loss of income.
- The fishermen themselves have substantial investments in boats, trucks and other
 equipment. While these items will have some sale value unlike the aquarium systems
 they will still have substantial losses in selling these items at a time their income has
 been removed.
- Some of the individuals in the fishery or working within the fisheries have done so for decades going back to the 1960's & 1970's. Do you really believe these individuals in their fifties, sixties, and seventies are going to be retrained and find good paying jobs?
 Noteworthy is that obviously the fish did not disappear if they have paid mortgages, State of Hawaii Taxes, and supported themselves off the Aquarium Fishery for decades.

In conclusion perhaps it is easy not to see the human hardship Bill H.B. 606 will inflict? If the State of Hawaii scientists said a moratorium was necessary for the reefs of Hawaii and that management was not enough than perhaps the hardship would be justified. This though is not the case.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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For some of you on this committee, I am old enough to be your grandfather. Would you put your grandfather out of work to pass a bill like this? Please think deeply about family values and traditions.

Please don't pass HB 606.

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E-mail:	dcannon12@gmail.com
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Name:	Patricia Gail McClary
E-mail:	aromastonemassage@gmail.com
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	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Just stop taking fish out of our ocean. It is not a sustainable practice and hurts our visitor industry. People want to see fish in the ocean, not dying in tanks.

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Testimony Submittal <susansullivan4@hotmail.com> Tuesday, February 10, 2015 7:33 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Susan Sullivan
E-mail:	susansullivan4@hotmail.com
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My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
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	I support banning the aquarium trade in Hawaii. I am a scuba diver. I have been diving in Maui for 9 years. I am saddened by the fact that so many of the fish are disappearing.
	I love the yellow tangs and used to see them everywhere, now i hardly ever see them.
	Bring back our fish!

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Testimony Submittal <joaqinoster@aol.com> Tuesday, February 10, 2015 7:00 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Joachim Oster
E-mail:	joaqinoster@aol.com
Island or City	Captain Cook
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
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Tuesday, February 10, 2015 2:35 AM
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Name:	Louise Priest
E-mail:	bazwez@aol.com
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My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <peytwms@hotmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 11:04 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Peyton Williams
E-mail:	peytwms@hotmail.com
Island or City	Kailua
State	НІ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	The destructive nature of the aquarium trade, with its high capture rate of species important to the health of Hawaii's coral reefs, warrants nothing less than a total ban. Removing these fish, many of whom do not last a year after capture, versus the 20-30 years of many yellow tang left on the reef, is wasteful in itself.
	The loss of reef habitat would destroy the value of the coral reefs to those who come to either dive them or to enjoy other forms of recreation on or over them. This would mean a tremendous loss of jobs and revenue, much more so than the loss of the aquarium trade.
	Please pass a permanent ban on the aquarium trade.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <tookie49_2004@yahoo.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 10:49 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Daniel Kanahele
E-mail:	tookie49_2004@yahoo.com
Island or City	POB 648
State	Kihei, HI 96753
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Maryquinn2@mac.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 10:13 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Mary Quinn
E-mail:	Maryquinn2@mac.com
Island or City	Oahu
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <mark@marksheehan.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 9:58 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Mark Sheehan
E-mail:	mark@marksheehan.com
Island or City	Haiku
State	НІ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	We need at least ten years for our reefs and their fish to recover.
	Please vote YES on this bill.

Testimony Submittal <jheidrich@mac.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 9:26 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	jeannette Heidrich
E-mail:	jheidrich@mac.com
Island or City	hawaii
State	hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	The reefs of Hawaii must be allowed to return to balance, our future generations deserve to enjoy the reefs. Permanently ban aquarium trade to allow our fish to return to their natural populations.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <corradoborg@yahoo.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 9:26 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Michael Borg
E-mail:	corradoborg@yahoo.com
Island or City	San Jose
State	CA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <awilson1792@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 9:08 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Ann Wilson
E-mail:	awilson1792@gmail.com
Island or City	Wailuku
State	ні
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <mharri1583@yahoo.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:57 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Mark Harrison
E-mail:	mharri1583@yahoo.com
Island or City	Somerset
State	NJ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <ahood@srgii.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:54 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Andrew Hood
E-mail:	ahood@srgii.com
Island or City	Oahu
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Kailua0862@yahoo.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:51 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Wendy Kuntz
E-mail:	Kailua0862@yahoo.com
Island or City	420 A North Kalaheo
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Having spent the last two decades visiting the Kihei coastline for snorkeling I have personally witnessed the dramatic decline in fish populations, especially in commercial aquarium fish such as the yellow tang.
	We need to preserve our fragile reef ecosystem for future generations.

Testimony Submittal <Walter.hutton.bananas@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:33 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Walter Hutton
E-mail:	Walter.hutton.bananas@gmail.com
Island or City	Maui
State	Hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Knowledge is power

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <tricia_94109@yahoo.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 7:47 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Patricia Grant
E-mail:	tricia_94109@yahoo.com
Island or City	Lahaina
State	HI
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <mike@gaulke.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 7:43 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Michael Gaulke
mike@gaulke.com
Kailua-Kona
HI
Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <makiaweli2012@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 7:22 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Keomailani Von Gogh
E-mail:	makiaweli2012@gmail.com
Island or City	Hilo
State	НІ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I am Native Hawaiian and I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. Please consider this very important bill. How many tourists will come to snorkel in our beautiful waters when there are no more reef fish? When is the last time you've been in the water. If we ban this industry now we have a chance to reverse the damage that has already occurred. How many snorkel and dive businesses will still be around when all the fish are gone? Lets preserve what we have so we can share it with the world. mahalo, Keomailani Von Gogh

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <vcarbia@hotmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 6:58 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Vanessa Carbia
E-mail:	vcarbia@hotmail.com
Island or City	Gainesville
State	Florida
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium Hawaii is the world's third largest supplier of reef fish for mainland household aquariums. The trade has depleted wild populations. Most of the marine life captured by the aquarium trade replaces animals that died prematurely because of poor treatment in the supply chain. Money saving practices from reef to retail injure and stress marine life and are attributed to 80% of fish deaths in household tanks. Thank you.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <audwong@nuevaschool.org> Monday, February 09, 2015 6:34 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Audrey Wong
E-mail:	audwong@nuevaschool.org
Island or City	Kailua-Kona
State	HI
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. Why do we allow fishers to come in and deplete the resources of the ocean? It not only takes away from the entire ecotourism industry, but thousands of tropical and rare fish and discarded to die every year, unnecessary to the fishing industry. Tropical and non-tropical fish alike play an enormous role in supporting the surrounding ecosystem in which they are a part of. By harming them, you are harming the ocean, which we actually need to live.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <houston.wong@outlook.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 6:09 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Houston Wong
E-mail:	houston.wong@outlook.com
Island or City	Kirkland
State	WA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. Our aquatic wildlife are being plundered and quite soon there will be no more. This as what we call ecocide. Impacting negatively our biodiversity and functioning of aquatic life. Please help stop it.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <shannon.wong88@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 6:08 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Shannon Wong
E-mail:	shannon.wong88@gmail.com
Island or City	Kailua-Kona
State	НІ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <dbowen@hawaii.rr.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 5:54 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	DANIEL BOWEN
E-mail:	dbowen@hawaii.rr.com
Island or City	HONOLULU
State	HAWAII
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Trade workers who were substantially full-time employees should be provided with unemployment benefits as would anyone who was involuntarily terminated from their job.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <lulumomma@juno.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 5:47 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Cindy Fear
E-mail:	lulumomma@juno.com
Island or City	317 E Cherry Ave
State	CA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. Please ban the harvest of reef fish for the aquarium trade. They are far more valuable living and breeding to keep the populations up and healthy.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <lcooney52@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 5:31 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Leslie Cooney
lcooney52@gmail.com
PO Box 1140, Captain Cook
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Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <RebeccaSBicker@yahoo.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 5:31 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Rebecca Bicker
E-mail:	RebeccaSBicker@yahoo.com
Island or City	maui
State	hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal lindagent@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 5:14 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Linda Gentiluomo
E-mail:	lindagent@gmail.com
Island or City	Kihei, Maui
State	HI
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. There has certainly been a depletion of tropical fish in the South Maui reefs since I have been living here and snorkeling in this area for the last 10 years. I feel this 10 moratorium is not unreasonable to ask. We need to preserve our reefs and aina. Lets see if this allows the reef fish to recover. Aquariums are nice but not at the detriment of our natural resources. Please put Nature first.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <mntns_r_us@hotmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 4:50 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Christopher Ewing
E-mail:	mntns_r_us@hotmail.com
Island or City	Townsend
State	Tn
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. It is a shame I would have to use my voice to something you should be protecting from the start. Your world, your heritage. What Hawaii is known for. The few dollars made wouldn't ever replace something that is priceless You remove the fish, your reefs die, your reefs die, your ocean dies. Being a indian culture I would think you would already know this and abide by it Please do not allow the sell of your world to people who have no respect for it. If they did have respect, they wouldn't buy.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <acurrie@hawaii.rr.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 4:49 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Gretchen Currie
E-mail:	acurrie@hawaii.rr.com
Island or City	Captain Cook
State	ні
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support this bill, but would rather see it amended to become a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii rather than a temporary moratorium.
	The aquarium fish collecting trade benefits only of a very few of Hawaii's residents, while essentially stealing precious resources - our reef fish populations - from the rest of us.

Testimony Submittal <bexter@maui.net>
Monday, February 09, 2015 4:04 PM
omhtestimony
HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To: Subject:

Rebecca Sydney
bexter@maui.net
maui
hi
Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <hansen@jhpartners.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 3:30 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	John Hansen
E-mail:	hansen@jhpartners.com
Island or City	Hawaii
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. The reality is that most people in the US who own aquariums would be upset to learn how the fish they buy at the local store are collected, what damage the collection causes, and how many are killed and lost in the process. We have the benefit of knowing these facts in Hawaii, and we need to move to protect our reef areas before they are destroyed. Thanks for your attention.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <ratguppy@yahoo.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 3:16 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Jespah Koja
E-mail:	ratguppy@yahoo.com
Island or City	Honolulu
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. However, it would be good if the temporary ban leads to a permanent one. Mahalo,
	Jespah Koja

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <perry@athertonlane.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 3:09 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Perry Olson
E-mail:	perry@athertonlane.com
Island or City	Kailua-Kona
State	НІ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	There are a very small number of individuals who will be displaced by a ban on taking aquarium fish. This temporay moratorium does not go far enough to protect native Hawaiian resources which are already in decline.

Testimony Submittal <Mlj626@att.net> Monday, February 09, 2015 3:04 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Mary Johnson
E-mail:	Mlj626@att.net
Island or City	edgewater
State	Fl
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <ireynaldo808@yahoo.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 3:00 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Reynaldo Tolentino
E-mail:	ireynaldo808@yahoo.com
Island or City	Honolulu
State	HI
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. Just like the kanaka belong on their land, these fish belong in THEIR water. Let the fish thrive and keep the reef alive!

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <rhian50@hotmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 2:56 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Rhian Parker
E-mail:	rhian50@hotmail.com
Island or City	Clevedon
State	United kingdom
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Enough is enough, this must stop.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <merway@hawaii.rr.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 2:28 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Marjorie Erway
E-mail:	merway@hawaii.rr.com
Island or City	Kailua Kona
My message to the Committee:	Aloha OMH Committee Members!
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Mahalo for your serious consideration of changing a 10 year re-training period to a permanent ban.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <dawnzierk@yahoo.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 2:05 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Dawn Zierk
E-mail:	dawnzierk@yahoo.com
Island or City	Kona
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. I've been coming to Hawaii for more than 20 years and moved here a couple of years ago with my two very young boys. I remember snorkeling along the Kona coast in my teens and seeing SO MANY fish and so much diversity! Now, there are many fewer fish, and not nearly the diversity. Not as much coral either. We should not allow aquarium collecting from our waters, when most of those fish die within a year of being collected, and our waters are not overly populated. This is a fragile ecosystem that deserves our care. I hope someday, that my boys will witness the gorgeous coral environment that I remember. Hopefully they will not have to wonder what happened to all the fish that used to live in Hawaii

Testimony Submittal <surfkook@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 11:04 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Deborah Driscoll
E-mail:	surfkook@gmail.com
Island or City	kihei, Maui
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Wasting wildlife is not pono!!

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <conn@connbrattain.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 12:28 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Conn Brattain
E-mail:	conn@connbrattain.com
Island or City	Paia
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <vanessa.hern9@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 1:06 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Vanessa hernandez
E-mail:	vanessa.hern9@gmail.com
Island or City	1422 Front St
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <allietennant@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 12:28 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Allie Tennant
E-mail:	allietennant@gmail.com
Island or City	96731
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <dario@campanilefineart.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 11:51 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Dario Campanile
E-mail:	dario@campanilefineart.com
Island or City	3228 Lanina Pl. Kihei HI
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <herctunia@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 2:17 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Paul Cox
E-mail:	herctunia@gmail.com
Island or City	Captain Cook 96704
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	I have come to this conclusion after over four years of swimming both in and out of collecting areas (Miloli'i FRA, Big Island). I see a difference, regardless of what I read from DLNR. I have photo documentation of collectors at work, not everyone is as lucky as me to be in the water so much. So please view my evidence, Mahalo
	http://atdarock.smugmug.com/Big-Island-Aquarium-collecting

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <amala.kohler@yahoo.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 12:50 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Amala Kohler
E-mail:	amala.kohler@yahoo.com
Island or City	Georgia 30093
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal lilniknik1987@Gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 10:06 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Nikki Reid
E-mail:	lilniknik1987@Gmail.com
Island or City	SCOTLAND
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <dinalatina2u@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 9:17 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Enedina Hernandez
E-mail:	dinalatina2u@gmail.com
Island or City	El Paso
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I have always wanted a salt water aquarium until I saw this, I had never given much thought to how we acquired these little beauties until now. PLEASE STOP ALLOWING THIS HORRIBLE TRADE!

Testimony Submittal <gail@garoutte.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 9:18 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Gail Garoutte
E-mail:	gail@garoutte.com
Island or City	Miloii, South Kona
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <berny5bern@yahoo.fr>
Monday, February 09, 2015 9:18 AM
omhtestimony
HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	bernadette Cuellar
E-mail:	berny5bern@yahoo.fr
Island or City	4, Chemin du Garrigot
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <josettereek@ziggo.nl> Monday, February 09, 2015 9:42 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	josette reek
E-mail:	josettereek@ziggo.nl
Island or City	geleen
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <jeff_808@hotmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 9:32 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	jeff soto
E-mail:	jeff_808@hotmail.com
Island or City	oahu/hnl
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Jwtrujillo@comcast.net> Monday, February 09, 2015 9:28 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Jesse Trujillo
E-mail:	Jwtrujillo@comcast.net
Island or City	Maui
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

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Testimony Submittal <jamesmclellan702@msn.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:42 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	james mclellan
E-mail:	jamesmclellan702@msn.com
Island or City	hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

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Name:	Martina Braun
E-mail:	braunmartina25@aol.de
Island or City	Honolulu
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

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To:

Testimony Submittal <benjygarfinkle@mac.com>
Monday, February 09, 2015 8:34 AM
omhtestimony
HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Benjamin Garfinkle
E-mail:	benjygarfinkle@mac.com
Island or City	Kailua Kona
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	I believe at the very least, a 10 year moratorium on taking of aquarium fish should be establishand the very best, a full ban of the aquarium trade. Without some sort of ban (either temporary or full), our marine life will not have the opportunity it needs to recover and thrive. Our aquatic life is important to Hawaii on many levels including tourism and economy, not to mention well being our reefs and oceans.

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To:

Testimony Submittal <keithc@snorkelbob.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:42 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Keith Christie
E-mail:	keithc@snorkelbob.com
Island or City	Maui
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

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To:

Testimony Submittal <maraguccione@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:19 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Mara Guccione
E-mail:	maraguccione@gmail.com
Island or City	Berkeley
State	CA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. Ultimately, this is the amount of protection needed in the Hawaiian waters. Please protect our marine life for future generations. Imagine the alternative.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <heatherwesling@aol.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:19 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Heather Wesling
E-mail:	heatherwesling@aol.com
Island or City	Naples
State	FL
My message to the Committee:	Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I wish to support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii . Thank you, Heather Wesling

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <w.alfaromarietta@yahoo.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:13 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Marietta W.Alfaro
E-mail:	w.alfaromarietta@yahoo.com
Island or City	sacramento
State	CA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

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Testimony Submittal <debbieahern@comcast.net> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:14 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Deborah Ahern
E-mail:	debbieahern@comcast.net
Island or City	3 Kendall Park
State	ma
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

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Testimony Submittal <ski.like.a.chick@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:14 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Trisha Henning
E-mail:	ski.like.a.chick@gmail.com
Island or City	Yakima
State	WA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

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Testimony Submittal <Discoteccat@yahoo.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:12 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Chemaine Leon
E-mail:	Discoteccat@yahoo.com
Island or City	233 poplar ave, Millbrae
State	Ca
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

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Testimony Submittal <khall28211@aol.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:11 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Kristen Hall
E-mail:	khall28211@aol.com
Island or City	Burnsville
State	MN a
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. The oceans coral reefs are projected to be dead zones by 20148. NOW is the time to end the aquarium trades' practice of STEALING wildlife from Hawaiian waters. Do the right thing, we're all counting on you!

Testimony Submittal <jvaret@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:11 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Joseph Varet
E-mail:	jvaret@gmail.com
Island or City	Captain Cook
State	ні
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Please end Hawaii's disgraceful history of negligence and save the reefs before it is too late!
	The reefs are a state treasure and we need to urgently protect them today, for the sake of future generations.
	thank you, Joseph Varet

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Testimony Submittal <cocimacicario@yahoo.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:07 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	susanna minacheili
E-mail:	cocimacicario@yahoo.com
Island or City	karakassi 80 thessaloniki
State	greece
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

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Testimony Submittal <cocimacicario@yahoo.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:08 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

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Testimony Submittal <josefina.dandelion@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:03 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	donya drummond
E-mail:	josefina.dandelion@gmail.com
Island or City	Vallejo
State	CA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

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Testimony Submittal <kellybergeron69@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:05 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Kelly Bergeron
E-mail:	kellybergeron69@gmail.com
Island or City	441 Dustin Drive
State	Ok
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <azevedo_anabela@hotmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:00 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Anabela Azevedo
E-mail:	azevedo_anabela@hotmail.com
Island or City	Brossard
State	Quebec
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <Rmurphy@emeraldcoastclinicalresearch.org> Monday, February 09, 2015 8:00 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am

From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Renee Murphy
E-mail:	Rmurphy@emeraldcoastclinicalresearch.org
Island or City	Pensacola
State	Fl
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <jjeff5945@aol.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 7:57 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Jeffrey Lewis
E-mail:	jjeff5945@aol.com
Island or City	3 Cignarale Rd.
State	N.Y.
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <elainewalls1@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 7:58 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Elaine Walls
E-mail:	elainewalls1@gmail.com
Island or City	Kevil
State	Kentucky
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <thegarssons@comcast.net> Monday, February 09, 2015 7:58 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Jane Garsson
E-mail:	thegarssons@comcast.net
Island or City	401 Montford Ave; Mill Valley
State	CA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <WitchetGL@aol.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 7:56 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Maryann Avila
E-mail:	WitchetGL@aol.com
Island or City	1684 Trouville Ave
State	California
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <pobugbrew@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 7:49 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Karmen Jones-Cox
E-mail:	pobugbrew@gmail.com
Island or City	Captain Cook
State	НІ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <eternalice@bellsouth.net> Monday, February 09, 2015 7:38 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Paul Valero
E-mail:	eternalice@bellsouth.net
Island or City	6070 nw 64th ave
State	fl
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <kaflenitish1@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 7:36 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Nitish Kafle
E-mail:	kaflenitish1@gmail.com
Island or City	Kathmandu, Nepal
State	Bagmati
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <Pfitch@tds.net> Monday, February 09, 2015 7:36 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Pete Fitch
E-mail:	Pfitch@tds.net
Island or City	Captain Cook
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	I find it odd that when one focuses on the economics of aquarium trade fishing that it's all focused on what this one activity brings to the state coffers. It's minuscule compared to the tourist industry which are here in large part to see those bright colorful fish and healthy reefs. What happens when, like in oahu, that goes away. Well so do a lot of tourist dollars that support a lot of our infrastructure. Very short aighted to protect an industry that enriches precious few at the expense of the majority. Shame, shame. Impose a ten year ban please. Mahalo for your consideration of this matter.

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To:

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bhaktirocks@earthlink.net>
Monday, February 09, 2015 7:33 AM
omhtestimony
HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	ane takaha
E-mail:	bhaktirocks@earthlink.net
Island or City	kihei
State	hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. I agree that this may be a political compromise but it is not a viable solution for our ecosystem. It will take lifetimes for our reefs to recover from the imbalances caused by removing the fish that sustain them. With all the pollution and changes in the ocean temperature we need to be thinking in really long term, life time views - not short term compromises. thank you

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <TangoChelsea@hotmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 7:14 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Chelsea Eng
E-mail:	TangoChelsea@hotmail.com
Island or City	San Francisco
State	CA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Wasting wildlife is tragic and unacceptable.
	Sincerely, Chelsea Eng San Francisco, CA

Testimony Submittal <Mark_Daniels1982@hotmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 6:58 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Mark Daniels
E-mail:	Mark_Daniels1982@hotmail.com
Island or City	233 Chablis Way
State	CA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <humormeone@hotmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 6:42 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Randi Cossey
E-mail:	humormeone@hotmail.com
Island or City	edmonds
State	wa
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <jheidrich@mac.cm>
Monday, February 09, 2015 6:20 AM
omhtestimony
HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	jeannette Heidrich
E-mail:	jheidrich@mac.cm
Island or City	Hawaii
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Stop depleting the reef of the aquarium fish. Allow them to come back, and thrive in the future.
	Ban the aquarium trade.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <monaas@swbell.net> Monday, February 09, 2015 6:15 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Morgan Naas
E-mail:	monaas@swbell.net
Island or City	Ocean View
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I absolutely support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <memberships522@comcast.net> Monday, February 09, 2015 6:16 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Terri Watson
E-mail:	memberships522@comcast.net
Island or City	Westminster
State	CO
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. Leave those creatures where they belongin the ocean!

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Blaynehelmering@hotmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 6:13 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Henry Helmering
E-mail:	Blaynehelmering@hotmail.com
Island or City	Wildwood
State	O
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Please establish a permanent ban as we visit Hawaii a lot and want to feel secure in the knowledge the fish are forever protected. Thank you.

From: Sent:

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Testimony Submittal <Blaynehelmering@hotmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 6:13 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Henry Helmering
E-mail:	Blaynehelmering@hotmail.com
Island or City	Wildwood
State	O
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Please establish a permanent ban as we visit Hawaii a lot and want to feel secure in the knowledge the fish are forever protected. Thank you.

From: Sent:

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Testimony Submittal <Blaynehelmering@hotmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 6:12 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Nicholas Helmering
E-mail:	Blaynehelmering@hotmail.com
Island or City	Ildwood
State	mo
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	We love Hawaii. We visit a lot. Please protect the fish in a forever way!

Testimony Submittal <Samantha.helmering@hotmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 6:10 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Samantha Helmering
E-mail:	Samantha.helmering@hotmail.com
Island or City	Wildwood
State	O
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. I am a fourth grader and love to visit Hawaii. I want to know the fish are forever safe. Give it your all, 100 percent I say!

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Cavan.helmering@hotmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 6:09 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Cavan Elmering
E-mail:	Cavan.helmering@hotmail.com
Island or City	Wildwood
State	Mo
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Please put a permanent ban on this behavior. We visit Hawaii often and want to feel the fish are secure forever.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Blaynehelmering@hotmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 6:07 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Layne Helmering
E-mail:	Blaynehelmering@hotmail.com
Island or City	Wildwood
State	Mo
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Please protect our wildlife in a permanent way. Dinosaurs are forever gone. Extinction is real. Protect the fish as they are defenseless.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Paul.helmering@hotmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 6:06 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Paul Helmering
E-mail:	Paul.helmering@hotmail.com
Island or City	Wildwood
State	Mo
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Please protect our wildlife in a forever way. National treasures that become extinct cannot be replaced.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Suzanne.lyon2013@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 5:54 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Suzanne Lyon
E-mail:	Suzanne.lyon2013@gmail.com
Island or City	Ashland
State	Virginia
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <bgulman3@earthlink.net>
Monday, February 09, 2015 5:50 AM
omhtestimony
HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Bettye Gulman
E-mail:	bgulman3@earthlink.net
Island or City	Makawao
State	Hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <MaryFinelli@comcast.net> Monday, February 09, 2015 5:50 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Mary Finelli
E-mail:	MaryFinelli@comcast.net
Island or City	Silver Spring
State	Maryland
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the capture of wild fish for the aquarium trade, rather than a temporary moratorium. It is extremely detrimental to the well-being of fish and coral reef ecosystems, and it is distressing to people who care about them. Many people come to Hawaii to enjoy seeing fish in the wild. Catching wild fish for private profit and pleasure is wrong and should be permanently banned.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <mariecorby@yahoo.co.uk> Monday, February 09, 2015 5:48 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	marie corby
E-mail:	mariecorby@yahoo.co.uk
Island or City	Athens
State	Greece
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <klayne4321@hotmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 5:27 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Kara Grossling
E-mail:	klayne4321@hotmail.com
Island or City	Kona
State	НІ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal

sbcglobal.net> Monday, February 09, 2015 5:26 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Brenda Bridgett
E-mail:	brendive@sbcglobal.net
Island or City	San Diego
State	CA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Taking of reef fish to imprison them in peoples's homes is cruel and unusual punishment that has also resulted in the depletion of reef fishes in the wild, in addition to the deaths of many individual fishes who could not bear the strain of capture.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <reneewoo@yahoo.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 5:19 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Renee Woo
E-mail:	reneewoo@yahoo.com
Island or City	San Diego
State	CA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Kellisdca@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 5:08 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Kelli Shaw
E-mail:	Kellisdca@gmail.com
Island or City	San Diego
State	Ca
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <unexpectedfarm@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 4:37 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	William R. Bey
E-mail:	unexpectedfarm@gmail.com
Island or City	Watkins Glen
State	NY
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, My family and I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. Thank you.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <megan93252@yahoo.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 4:29 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Margaret Graney
E-mail:	megan93252@yahoo.com
Island or City	Lexington
State	KY
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Hawaii is a treasure. I want to see the fish and the reefs living long into the future. Anyone that pays any attention to the aquarium industry realizes that the environment has always suffered at it's hands. It's time to end, permanently, the aquarium trade in Hawaii. Thank you,

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <info@forthesea.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 2:34 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Ziggy Livnat
E-mail:	info@forthesea.com
Island or City	St Thomas
State	VI
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	A permanent ban will allow the Hawaiian reefs to heal and continue to lure many visitors to see this wonder. The aquarium trade is a privilege that should not be available anymore to help with the terrible condition of our reefs.
	Thanks, Ziggy

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <gwendolinech@gmail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 1:57 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Gwen Chausse
E-mail:	gwendolinech@gmail.com
Island or City	Los Angeles
State	CA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <fionawright0041@googlemail.com> Monday, February 09, 2015 12:26 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Fiona Wright
E-mail:	fionawright0041@googlemail.com
Island or City	12 Wainscot Place
State	uk
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <hertzinc@hotmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 11:43 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Maria hertz
E-mail:	hertzinc@hotmail.com
Island or City	po box 9 Honaunau, Big Island
State	hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal hertzinc7@yahoo.com Sunday, February 08, 2015 11:39 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Thornton Hertz
E-mail:	hertzinc7@yahoo.com
Island or City	po box 9 Honaunau, Big Island
State	Hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <dechenmaui@hawaii.rr.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 11:28 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Mary Groode
E-mail:	dechenmaui@hawaii.rr.com
Island or City	Kihei
State	НІ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. Around the world reefs have recovered when given a chance. Our reefs have to deal with pesticide run-off, sewage injection wells, local people who fish to eat, rising ocean temperatures and coral bleaching. We DESPERATELY need to outlaw the rape of our reefs by the Aquarium trade. Hawaii's economy depends on this as a major draw for people who come here. Snorkeling, diving and boat adventures will decline if we continue to allow our resources to be taken for the profit of a few.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <goldfiremistress@netscape.net> Sunday, February 08, 2015 10:30 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Milinda Girard
E-mail:	goldfiremistress@netscape.net
Island or City	Kihei
State	Hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	The wild fish stocks need time to replenish and rebalance. I believe that keeping this kind of wild life as pets should be discouraged and that the pet industry should be strongly encouraged to raise their own livestock, instead of wild harvesting. The losses due to abuse in the supply chain are inexcusable abuse to these wild specimens, which necessitates even more over harvesting to keep up with demand. This is unacceptable. Our reefs, fisheries, tourism, etc. need protection from this. Milinda Girard

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <amori@chaminade.edu> Sunday, February 08, 2015 10:07 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Val Mori
E-mail:	amori@chaminade.edu
Island or City	571 Hao St.
State	Honolulu
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	I hope that we will preserve the wonderful aquatic life on our reefs for the enjoyment of our people and our visitors.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <laura.clare@hotmail.co.uk> Sunday, February 08, 2015 10:00 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Laura Thornley
E-mail:	laura.clare@hotmail.co.uk
Island or City	11 Woodmans Chase
State	East Goscote
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <mc81@gmx.at> Sunday, February 08, 2015 9:51 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Martin Christof
E-mail:	mc81@gmx.at
Island or City	Wiener Neustadt
State	AUSTRIA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Mauime@hawaiiantel.net> Sunday, February 08, 2015 9:44 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Robert Offermann
E-mail:	Mauime@hawaiiantel.net
Island or City	Kihei
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. I have observed a truly alarming decline in the number of reef fish over the last ten years. It is now hard to find fish at many places that were formerly teaming with fish of all sizes. It is hardly worth going to the beach. The mass collection of fish for the aquarium trade endangers both our visitor industry and the entire ecosystem of the ocean around our islands. Please take strong action to end this industry that adds little to our economy while it is killing our reefs. Robert Offermann Kihei, Maui

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <vdrummond21@yahoo.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 9:42 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Vanessa Drummond
E-mail:	vdrummond21@yahoo.com
Island or City	Sun Valley
State	NV
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <elzenga@telfortglasvezel.nl> Sunday, February 08, 2015 9:27 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	ken elzenga
E-mail:	elzenga@telfortglasvezel.nl
Island or City	heiloo
State	nl
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <jamie@hawaiicre.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 9:23 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	James Brown
E-mail:	jamie@hawaiicre.com
Island or City	Honolulu
State	HI
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <zhealthaustin@yahoo.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 9:18 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	kelly prince
E-mail:	zhealthaustin@yahoo.com
Island or City	maui
State	hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <slwsurfing@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 9:06 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	sharon willleford
E-mail:	slwsurfing@gmail.com
Island or City	Kailua-Kona
State	Hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Too much destruction of sacred 'Aina!

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <tngodncr@hotmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 8:08 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Russell Eng	
E-mail:	tngodncr@hotmail.com	
Island or City	San Francisco	
State	California	
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,	
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.	

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Mrsalexhearn@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 8:31 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Alex Hearn
E-mail:	Mrsalexhearn@gmail.com
Island or City	Maui
State	Hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <njflower123@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 8:18 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Nancy Flower
E-mail:	njflower123@gmail.com
Island or City	Pukalani
State	ні
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <susanlray@hawaiiantel.net> Sunday, February 08, 2015 7:45 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Susan Bradford
E-mail:	susanlray@hawaiiantel.net
Island or City	Kihei, Maui
State	ні
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Taking our reef fish for aquariums is destroying the ability of our reef fish to be sustained and are also destroying our reefs. Please BAN all activities related to the aquarium trade in Hawaii!

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2015 7:39 PM

To: omhtestimony Cc: 333cory@gmail.com

Subject: Submitted testimony for HB606 on Feb 11, 2015 08:30AM

HB606

Submitted on: 2/8/2015

Testimony for OMH on Feb 11, 2015 08:30AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Cory	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: Aloha legislators, Please strengthen this bill by making it a permanent ban. We need to protect our reefs from the devastation caused by collecting fish for aquariums. mahalo, Cory Harden, Hilo

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Testimony Submittal <jlhuska@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 7:39 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Jason Huska
jlhuska@gmail.com
Wheeling
Illinois
Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <mauimagic5711@hotmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 6:55 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Ann Evans
E-mail:	mauimagic5711@hotmail.com
Island or City	Maui
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <candicel.avina@msn.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 6:54 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Candice avina
E-mail:	candicel.avina@msn.com
Island or City	oahu
State	hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <aeriewaters@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 6:48 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	aerie waters
E-mail:	aeriewaters@gmail.com
Island or City	maui
State	hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. These inhumane practices that are occurring now, do not dissolve with age.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <tamarind1@hotmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 6:24 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Tamarin McCartin
E-mail:	tamarind1@hotmail.com
Island or City	Honolulu
State	ні
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. I am an avid scuba diver and am heartbroken with the woeful state of our reefs and marine life. With protection our state could offer world class diving. Please stop the indiscriminate taking of our marine life. Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'Āina i ka Pono.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <holloway_fam5@bellsouth.net> Sunday, February 08, 2015 6:10 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Lillian Holloway
E-mail:	holloway_fam5@bellsouth.net
Island or City	5409 LEE CIR
State	Georgia
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <ccollomy@msn.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 6:04 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Cathy Collomy
E-mail:	ccollomy@msn.com
Island or City	South Casco
State	ME
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. We must let the oceans heal themselves and repare the damages we have done that was driven by pure greed of a few.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <ur_pa_wahine@yahoo.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 5:56 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Linda Geyer
E-mail:	ur_pa_wahine@yahoo.com
Island or City	Rockville
State	Md
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <ajferrie@asu.edu> Sunday, February 08, 2015 5:50 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Adam Ferrier
E-mail:	ajferrie@asu.edu
Island or City	Makawao
State	Hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <wizard@merlincorp.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 5:47 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Kevin Tobin
E-mail:	wizard@merlincorp.com
Island or City	Yuba City
State	CA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <aplaceintimephotos@hotmail.com>Sunday, February 08, 2015 5:44 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Jennifer Rogers
E-mail:	aplaceintimephotos@hotmail.com
Island or City	Maui
State	ні
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. There has been a noticeable decrease in the number of fish living among our beautiful reefs just in the past few years alone. It simply cannot sustain being depleted for exploitation in the commercial aquarium trade. It's having a negative impact on the eco-system and will eventually have a negative impact on the economy as our reefs die and are no long as attractive to the tourist industry.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Gwendolinespete@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 5:34 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Spetebroodt Gwendoline
E-mail:	Gwendolinespete@gmail.com
Island or City	Perthes
State	France
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <1happygyrl@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 5:20 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Deborah Wallace
E-mail:	1happygyrl@gmail.com
Island or City	Honolulu
State	Hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. The health of our reefs, as well as our tourism, depend on this. There has been a drastic reduction in our fish population, caused by many factors, and aquarists are definitely a part of this decline. We must stop this collecting before it is too late. Thank you, Deborah wallace

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <carrymackenzie@yahoo.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 5:17 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Carry berry
E-mail:	carrymackenzie@yahoo.com
Island or City	884 Highpoint circle
State	colorado
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. The public are seeing the cruelty and I hope there is no more of this for the good future of this planet and the beautiful creatures of our oceans Carry Berry

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <greyson.miles615@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 5:06 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Greyson Miles
E-mail:	greyson.miles615@gmail.com
Island or City	Kailua kona
State	hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Eaharp080@yahoo.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 5:02 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Elizabeth Chism
E-mail:	Eaharp080@yahoo.com
Island or City	Sellersburg
State	Indiana
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <cathiesp3@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 4:58 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Catherine Pare
E-mail:	cathiesp3@gmail.com
Island or City	7553 San Como Way
State	Goleta
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <luinkingman@hotmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 4:52 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Luin Kingman
E-mail:	luinkingman@hotmail.com
Island or City	1475 17th Ave San Francisco
State	CA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Katiencena@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 4:44 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Katie Biermann
E-mail:	Katiencena@gmail.com
Island or City	Big island
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <claudiabrice25@live.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 4:36 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	claudia rice
E-mail:	claudiabrice25@live.com
Island or City	Honolulu
State	НІ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <ntbo123go@hotmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 4:31 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Nicole Thibault
E-mail:	ntbo123go@hotmail.com
Island or City	2211 Gertrude, Carignan
State	Québec, Canada
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

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HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Bianca Isaki
E-mail:	bisaki@gmail.com
Island or City	1656 Kanalui St.
State	НІ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. Commercial aquarium collectors take from the wild for private profit and not for subsistence or cultural purposes. I am a recreational skindiver myself, but my take is limited to a few fish, which I share with my family. Usually, I take toau and taape (invasive species). For instance, at Papa Bay, Big Island on March 18, 2014, two collectors in unmarked boat with no collecting permit numbers on equipment, layed over 300 feet of net and trampled the reef taking 300+ fish. http://atdarock.smugmug.com/Big-Island-Aquarium-collecting/Aquarium-Co llecting-reef-damag/i-FV2Hq69 This cannot continue.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <thatswright1@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 4:24 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Linda Wright
E-mail:	thatswright1@gmail.com
Island or City	Maui
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <bwildbase@gmail.com>
Sunday, February 08, 2015 3:56 PM
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HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	blake wild
E-mail:	bwildbase@gmail.com
Island or City	lahaina
State	НІ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Melodyusa@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 3:50 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Melody Rutherford
E-mail:	Melodyusa@gmail.com
Island or City	Waianae
State	Hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Bt10029@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 3:46 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Barbara Tomasino
E-mail:	Bt10029@gmail.com
Island or City	NYC
State	Ny
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <lauolegal@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 3:37 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Lorri Crockett
E-mail:	lauolegal@gmail.com
Island or City	Honolulu
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <anndavis86@hotmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 3:22 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Ann Davis
E-mail:	anndavis86@hotmail.com
Island or City	N7883 US HWY 151
State	wi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <faithhill@cox.net> Sunday, February 08, 2015 3:18 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

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Testimony Submittal <ehenson898512@yahoo.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 3:14 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Elizabeth Henson
E-mail:	ehenson898512@yahoo.com
Island or City	Roanoke
State	Virginia
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Sue.DeLongpre@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 3:13 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Sue DeLongpre
E-mail:	Sue.DeLongpre@gmail.com
Island or City	1197 East 300 Soith
State	UT
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <felix1@cox.net> Sunday, February 08, 2015 3:01 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Annette Felix
E-mail:	felix1@cox.net
Island or City	Tucson
State	AZ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	I am a diver that enjoys diving on the Big Island. I want to see these beautiful fish in their native environment, not in an aquarium in Tucson, AZ.
	Thank You, Annette

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <kierdelaney@hotmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 2:56 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	kier delaney
E-mail:	kierdelaney@hotmail.com
Island or City	Steamboat
State	СО
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

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To:

Testimony Submittal <kierdelaney@hotmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 2:56 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	kier delaney
E-mail:	kierdelaney@hotmail.com
Island or City	Steamboat
State	CO
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <deborah.burns.seattle@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 2:38 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am

From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Deborah Burns
E-mail:	deborah.burns.seattle@gmail.com
Island or City	Seattle
State	WA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	This ban will help the reef fish populations to restore themselves over the 10 year period.
	Reef fish are a beautiful jewel for the people of Hawaii and the tourists who visit, please protect them! The aquarium trade is cruel and wasteful with so many fish dying before they reach aquariums
	Please protect Hawaii's reef fish.
	Thank you,
	Deborah Burns

Testimony Submittal <deborah.burns.seattle@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 2:38 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am

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To:

Subject:

Name:	Deborah Burns
E-mail:	deborah.burns.seattle@gmail.com
Island or City	Seattle
State	WA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	This ban will help the reef fish populations to restore themselves over the 10 year period.
	Reef fish are a beautiful jewel for the people of Hawaii and the tourists who visit, please protect them! The aquarium trade is cruel and wasteful with so many fish dying before they reach aquariums
	Please protect Hawaii's reef fish.
	Thank you,
	Deborah Burns

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To:

Testimony Submittal <foldedshepherds@yahoo.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 2:34 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	david doyle
E-mail:	foldedshepherds@yahoo.com
Island or City	201 hobson
State	montana
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <sparksfly1@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 2:23 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Donita Sparks
E-mail:	sparksfly1@gmail.com
Island or City	Los Angeles
State	CA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, FULL BAN!!! PROTECT HAWAII'S WILDLIFE. KEEP US TOURISTS COMING BACK. I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <jenschiltz@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 2:10 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Jennifer Schiltz
E-mail:	jenschiltz@gmail.com
Island or City	76 Kuli Puu St, Kihei
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Stclairejm@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 1:34 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Jill St claire
E-mail:	Stclairejm@gmail.com
Island or City	Zionsville
State	Indiana
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men should do nothing." Please, stop this evil. These creatures need your help, you have the power to do good.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <gracewalking@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 1:34 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Leslie Sims
E-mail:	gracewalking@gmail.com
Island or City	Missoula
State	mt
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Palmtreesrain@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 1:30 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Dawn k
E-mail:	Palmtreesrain@gmail.com
Island or City	St.Marys
State	Georgia
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Rwatkins5@cox.Net> Sunday, February 08, 2015 1:26 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Robert Watkins
E-mail:	Rwatkins5@cox.Net
Island or City	1531 Avenue Escondido
State	California
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

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To:

Testimony Submittal <lyc2travel@sbcglobal.net> Sunday, February 08, 2015 1:18 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	lori chan
E-mail:	lyc2travel@sbcglobal.net
Island or City	maui
State	hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <cath29@hotmail.co.uk> Sunday, February 08, 2015 1:15 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Catherine Hainsworth
E-mail:	cath29@hotmail.co.uk
Island or City	6 Beacon Road
State	seamer
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <saadya16@hotmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 1:09 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Saadya Waheed
E-mail:	saadya16@hotmail.com
Island or City	Trois-Rivieres
State	Quebec
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <fc.scarborough@yahoo.co.uk> Sunday, February 08, 2015 1:04 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	cc ts
E-mail:	fc.scarborough@yahoo.co.uk
Island or City	Scarborough
State	uk
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <char@ojaikw.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 11:50 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Name:	charleen Michaels
E-mail:	char@ojaikw.com
Island or City	600 Vista Hermosa Dr
State	Ca
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I have visited Hawaii every year for the past 10 years. Much of the reason for my visits is the abundantly rich sea life. I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. Please make this a full ban!!

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <mybizmaui@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 10:56 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Robert Schmidt
E-mail:	mybizmaui@gmail.com
Island or City	Maui
State	НІ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. We must give our reef fish and other ocean species a chance to repopulate our reefs and support the continuance of a heathy ocean environment. Thanks for your support in this all too important bill. Please don't let the aquarium lobbies sway your mind and vote!

Testimony Submittal <jjlear@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 10:36 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Name:	Jerry Lear
E-mail:	jjlear@gmail.com
Island or City	Bend
State	Oregon
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <lolacam@hawaii.rr.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 10:33 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Lola Milani
E-mail:	lolacam@hawaii.rr.com
Island or City	Maui
State	HI
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <mauiskye1@yahoo.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 10:33 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Skye Coe
E-mail:	mauiskye1@yahoo.com
Island or City	2715 Puu Hoolai St
State	ні
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Malama i ke kai i naholoholo i 'aina mau i mau!
	Preserve the ocean, creatures and land forever!!
	Mahalo Nui Loa!!

Testimony Submittal <colly@hawaii.rr.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 10:06 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Name:	John Norman
E-mail:	colly@hawaii.rr.com
Island or City	Kihei
State	HI
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <rjlmaui@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 9:26 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Name:	Bob Lloyd
E-mail:	rjlmaui@gmail.com
Island or City	kihei
State	hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <CoachDebGreenfield@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 9:08 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am

From: Sent:

To:

Name:	Deborah Greenfield
E-mail:	CoachDebGreenfield@gmail.com
Island or City	Santa Rosa
State	California
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <lynn.all@maui.net> Sunday, February 08, 2015 8:58 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Name:	Lynn Allen
E-mail:	lynn.all@maui.net
Island or City	Maui
State	HI
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	Thank you for hearing this testimony.
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	While a temporary ban may help the recovery of aquarium caught fish, it is just that: a temporary solution. If we truly care about protecting Hawaii's natural resources, in particular aquarium caught fish, then the right thing to do is enact and enforce a permanent ban.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <reeflections.maui@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 8:49 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Michael Roberts
E-mail:	reeflections.maui@gmail.com
Island or City	Maui
State	HI
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. However, even a 10 year moratorium would help to protect our valuable resources and replenish the those that have already been taken or destroyed. Thanks! Michael

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <lcneumann700@hotmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 8:32 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Lillian Neumann
E-mail:	lcneumann700@hotmail.com
Island or City	Shelby Twp.
State	MI
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal lilweed@esatclear.ie> Sunday, February 08, 2015 7:32 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Pearl Lotus
E-mail:	lilweed@esatclear.ie
Island or City	Dublin
State	Ireland
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <islandket@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 7:14 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Karen Tilley
E-mail:	islandket@gmail.com
Island or City	P.o Box 510021 Kealia
State	НІ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. Preserve the ocean reef ecology.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <lou.martarano@yahoo.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 7:04 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Louis A. Martarano
E-mail:	lou.martarano@yahoo.com
Island or City	New York
State	NY
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <kapulena@gmail.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 6:52 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Jason Worchel
E-mail:	kapulena@gmail.com
Island or City	PO Box 1373 Honokaa
State	НІ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. I am an avid diver and have seen the decline in our beautiful reef fish due to the commercial and private harvesting. These fish are a major tourist attraction. We must protect this resource rather than let it be destroyed/degraded to enrich a few people.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <karennordine@me.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 6:33 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Karen Nordine
E-mail:	karennordine@me.com
Island or City	Honolulu
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <plgplgreene@yahoo.com> Sunday, February 08, 2015 4:27 AM omhtestimony {Spam?} HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	PETER GREENE
E-mail:	plgplgreene@yahoo.com
Island or City	Maui
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Coachkathy@gmail.com> Saturday, February 07, 2015 10:48 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Kathryn WilliMA
E-mail:	Coachkathy@gmail.com
Island or City	Kihei
State	ні
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. We must protect the beauty of Hawaii, on land and sea. Considering that this beauty is what attracts tourists to our islands, please protect the reef fish for snorkelers to see!! Sincerely, Kathy Williams

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <djjazzyred@gmail.com> Saturday, February 07, 2015 7:48 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Stephanie Weisman
E-mail:	djjazzyred@gmail.com
Island or City	maui
State	hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Please help protect our wildlife.
	Mahalo

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Anniewalton@yahoo.com> Saturday, February 07, 2015 6:32 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Annie Walton
E-mail:	Anniewalton@yahoo.com
Island or City	Santa Monica
State	Ca
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <melecbennett@gmail.com> Saturday, February 07, 2015 6:04 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Mele Bennett
E-mail:	melecbennett@gmail.com
Island or City	Kamuela
State	HI
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. I am a native Hawaiian with a Masters Degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Management, and I support banning the aquarium trade in Hawaii. When I was in college in New Hampshire, I damn near cried when I found a Humuhumunukunukuapuaa in a basement aquarium section of a pet store. It broke my heart to see this beautiful Hawaiian reef fish in such a small, artificial habitat in a grey, gravelly, arm pit of a town thousands of miles away from home. Maybe I was just projecting my own homesickness on the fish, but it was depressing. Reef fish belong in the ocean, not in aquariums.

Testimony Submittal <Gilbert1@me.com>
Saturday, February 07, 2015 5:58 PM
omhtestimony
HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Name:	Michael Gilbert
E-mail:	Gilbert1@me.com
Island or City	Maui
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	This must happen the reefs are under stress already and a lot of us who dive see the rape if the reefs If you do not it will get policed by the residents who are sick of the abuse At least be smart enough to see what a danger this is

From: Sent:

To:

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Saturday, February 07, 2015 5:56 PM

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HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Bruce Lowrey
E-mail:	brucelowrey4117@comcast.net
Island or City	Maui
State	ні
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

Testimony Submittal <Gilbert1@me.com>
Saturday, February 07, 2015 5:56 PM
omhtestimony
HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Name:	Michael Gilbert
E-mail:	Gilbert1@me.com
Island or City	Maui
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <barnacleb@hotmail.com>
Saturday, February 07, 2015 5:51 PM
omhtestimony
HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	William Crockett
E-mail:	barnacleb@hotmail.com
Island or City	Kaneohe Bay
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. I have had a US Merchant Marine license for 40 years, as a Captain of sailing vessels, and engineer on UH Training Vessels and NOAA research vessels, sailing in waters all over the Pacific. I have been diving and enjoying viewing beautiful fish in Tonga, Samoa, Tahiti, Vanuatu, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, Mexico, Okinawa, and all of the Hawaiian Islands, including Kahoolawe. Our beautiful fish here in these islands are a wonderful treasure, and should not be "harvested" to be trapped in aquariums to be observed, and then die in captivity. Our efforts should be put into conserving this diminishing resource so that visiting tourists, and our children and grandchildren can continue to enjoy the gift we have been given in Hawaii, host to some of the most beautiful species on the planet. This resource is suffering from climate change and environmental poisoning of our oceans, so to subject this animal to the terrible practice of collection by divers looking to profit from their capture should be made a crime as soon as possible. Save our Fish!!! Mahalo.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <matthew@alohaheights.com> Saturday, February 07, 2015 5:14 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Matthew Gurewitsch
E-mail:	matthew@alohaheights.com
Island or City	Maui
State	HI
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. For economic as well as environmental reasons, it makes total sense to ban the aquarium trade. Our ocean, teeming with reef fish, is worth a trip from the mainland, or from Europe, or from Asia. Communities in the Pacific that understand this have been reaping the rewards, and so should we. The fact that this provision offers assistance, training, and related employment services to workers dislocated by the moratorium (or preferably the ban!) reflects great wisdom in those who crafted the bill. But let's be even more forward-looking! Let's help establish a resource that will keep on giving for generations to come. Mahalo.

Testimony Submittal <rmmtx3@gmail.com> Saturday, February 07, 2015 5:05 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Name:	Rosanne McDonald
E-mail:	rmmtx3@gmail.com
Island or City	Maui
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <jaduff3@hotmail.com> Saturday, February 07, 2015 4:53 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	James Duff
E-mail:	jaduff3@hotmail.com
Island or City	22490 Yerba Santa Rd Sonora
State	CA
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent total ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. I am writing to please ask that you do something now to protect Hawaii reef fishes from the aquarium industry that is now allowed to take away the heritage of Hawaii and sell them off. The unique salt water marine fishes of Hawaii deserve more respect than they are getting from aquarium owners around the world. We may not be able to stop reef destruction in other places but we can and should do all we can to protect Hawaii reef dwellers. Only a few people in power and authority are responsible for allowing this business to flourish and grow in Hawaii. The citizen majority population want a ban on collecting aquarium fishes. Hawaii has a rich heritage that is being stripped on a daily basis. It is a proven fact that many reef fishes do not reproduce in captivity, therefore every single fish collected from the wild will die without reproducing. Every single aquarium you see has a piece of Hawaii on display. How long can you think this will last? It is not a sustainable business model. You have all been entrusted with the power to protect Hawaii and it's inhabitants so why are we allowing people to come take the aquarium fish they catch? It is very sad to watch, to sit and do nothing while the future is being stripped away one fish tank at a time. I am asking for a complete total ban on all aquarium fish collecting aka wildlife trafficking please. There is absolutely no justification to allow this activity to continue. The reefs need time to recover from decades of abuse. Every singe living organism you see in a salt water marine aquarium will eventually die without benefit to the people of the State of Hawaii. The only people that benefit are aquarium owners that think they can control their little slice of Hawaii in the aquariums. The tourism industry will make billions of dollars from people honoring and enjoying the rich coral reefs and the Hawaii heritage fish fo

many more people thousands wish to come to Hawaii and see the unique

fish living on the reefs? On my island snorkeling visits I ask myself where are the fish? It is so discouraging to witness the disappearance of the reef fish. I can usually find these fish in restaurant aquariums and stores all across the United States, but not in their home state of Hawaii. It is obscene and out of balance with nature.

Hanauma Bay Preserve is packed with people and filled to overcapacity. Why? because the fish are gone everywhere else. Hawaii has been generous enough and the aquarium industry knows no restraint.

no limits at all. They will say anything to keep taking wildlife for financial gain.

If we have a valuable respect for Hawaii fish the choice is clear, we need to start preserving what we have here in Hawaii for future generations. The people taking wildlife and selling it must be stopped and retrained in new jobs. We must protect what fish are left. The fish collectors are not fishermen they do not eat the fish they just sell them only for money. We can and should find new opportunities and

retraining to help the wildlife traffickers find a new way to support themselves.

This taking of vital wildlife should be a criminal punishable offense against the Sate of Hawaii. I am extremely disappointed in the local political climate that allows the aquarium industry to wholesale market and contribute to the demolition of the reef ecosystems just because it is underwater and out of sight.

This wholesale and retail aquarium industry is insatiable and unsustainable. They prove this daily. The laws need to be changed now to reflect pride, honor and respect for Hawaii native fish.

Please begin the process of enacting laws to show self respect for the Hawaii heritage we have all been given to protect before it is too late. Please consider a immediate closure no take ban on all aquarium fish collecting from all Hawaii reefs.

Respect Hawaii life, it is not to be thrown away in aquariums anymore, enough is enough. While I write, I am reminded of the United Nations World Charter for Nature 1982. It states we as humans are responsible for protecting Nature. I hope you can take a minute to read it and ask yourself what you can do to protect Nature. I love Hawaii and I want to help Hawaii, please Ban collecting Hawaii Reef Wildlife.

Many Warm Mahalos,

James Duff

This is a link to the UN World Charter for Nature. http://www.un.org/documents/ga/res/37/a37r007.htm

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <justwritten76@yahoo.com> Saturday, February 07, 2015 4:51 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Julie Harris
E-mail:	justwritten76@yahoo.com
Island or City	P.O. Box 1136,Soulsbyville
State	California
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Please reach into your hearts and remember, as well as respect your ancestors, by voting with your conscience. It is the right thing to do for now, and for future generations. You have been placed in a position to represent the voice of the people, along with marine animals and the like. Please do the right thing. Lives depend on it. Sincerely, Julie H. mainland resident but my heart is in Hawaii

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Baerjoanne@cocast.net> Saturday, February 07, 2015 4:13 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Joanne Baer
E-mail:	Baerjoanne@cocast.net
Island or City	Superior
State	Colorado
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	We have been visiting the Hawaiian Islands for the past 26 years. It has saddened us to see how the fish population has decreased over this time.
	Knowing that a large percentage of the fish that are captured for aquarium sales never make it alive. The ocean fish should be protected from these mass killings.
	We are asking you to support this permanent ban. It is up to all of us to protect our environment and the species that belong on this planet.
	Sincerely,
	Joanne Baer

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <gaiagear@bigpond.net.au> Saturday, February 07, 2015 4:03 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Angie Harrison
E-mail:	gaiagear@bigpond.net.au
Island or City	Australia
State	Nsw
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Being a nature lover, my only reason to go anywhere is to enjoy the natural environment. NO REEF = NO TOURISM

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <joanl@snorkelbob.com> Saturday, February 07, 2015 3:54 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Joan Lloyd
E-mail:	joanl@snorkelbob.com
Island or City	Kihei
State	Hawaii
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	Shipping Hawaii's reef wildlife to the mainland isn't pono.
	Please consider a permanent ban on the aquarium trade.
	Thanks and Aloha, Joan Lloyd

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <Hawaiidionne@yahoo.com> Saturday, February 07, 2015 2:55 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Dionne Miller
E-mail:	Hawaiidionne@yahoo.com
Island or City	Kailua kona
State	Hi
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support banning the aquarium trade in Hawaii. Coral reefs around the world are in danger of dying with an estimated of 50 percent or more already gone. Hawaii should be doing everything they can to protect its reefs now.

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <anitabanana@hawaiiantel.net>Saturday, February 07, 2015 2:25 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Anita Wintner
E-mail:	anitabanana@hawaiiantel.net
Island or City	Kihei
State	ні
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members, I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. If a permanent ban does not happen, I totally agree on a 10 year moratorium.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov

Sent: Saturday, February 07, 2015 2:04 PM

To: omhtestimony

Cc: yorkcarlton@gmail.com

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Carlton York	Individual	Support	No	

Comments: please consider making this a full and permanent Ban on th

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Testimony Submittal <saws123@myway.com> Saturday, February 07, 2015 1:55 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	carl York
E-mail:	saws123@myway.com
Island or City	weaverville
State	NC
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. to many fish die in transit in the wasteful aquarium trade our Oceans are not a carnival midway with prizes of live fish! Wasting wildlife is not pono.

Testimony Submittal <fer@ferlopez.com> Saturday, February 07, 2015 1:09 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Fernando Lopez_Arbarello	
E-mail:	fer@ferlopez.com	
Island or City	Kihei	
State	НІ	
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,	
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.	

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <shannonkona@gmail.com> Saturday, February 07, 2015 12:30 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Shannon Rudolph
shannonkona@gmail.com
P. O. 243 Holualoa, 96725
Hi.
Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
STRONGLY SUPPORT A BAN!
Mahalo!

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <oceanexplorations@yahoo.com> Saturday, February 07, 2015 12:29 PM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Karyn Herrmann
E-mail:	oceanexplorations@yahoo.com
Island or City	Honolulu
State	НІ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium. It is clear to me that there is no government agency (State of Federal) capable of enforcing any rules or regulations upon fishermen or aquarium collectors in Hawaii. The enforcement process is riddled with nepotism, corruption and conflict of interest. Even with a new Governor, the DLNR is no exception. Therefore, it would be an effort of futility to enact a moratorium when every knows it would not be enforced and end up being voluntaryand ignored! I think we can all see the actions of WESTPAC as counter- productive to the best interests of the marine resources/environment that they are tasked to manage. A 10 year moratorium is a laughable proposal given their history of exploitation. Karyn Herrmann

From: Sent:

To:

Testimony Submittal <MauiHeidi@yahoo.com> Saturday, February 07, 2015 11:50 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am Subject:

Name:	Heidi Scoggins
E-mail:	MauiHeidi@yahoo.com
Island or City	Lahaina, Maui
State	НІ
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.
	We need to protect our reefs from those that simply want to rape them for profit We need to clean up our oceans to save ourselves When The Oceans Die, We Die
	Mahalo, Heidi Scoggins Lahaina, Maui, HI.

Testimony Submittal <maggie.greatdanes@btinternet.com> Saturday, February 07, 2015 11:23 AM omhtestimony HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am From: Sent:

To:

Subject:

Name:	Maggie Down	
E-mail:	maggie.greatdanes@btinternet.com	
Island or City	42 Wellingborough Road, Mears Ashby, Northampton	
State	UK	
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,	
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.	

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov

Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 12:49 AM

To: omhtestimony Cc: pohuku@yahoo.com

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HB606

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Walter Rees	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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From: Testimony Submittal < Malu@hawaii.rr.com> Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 12:40 AM

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Subject: HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am



Name:	Asta Miklius
E-mail:	Malu@hawaii.rr.com
Island or City	Volcano
State	ні
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov

Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 11:25 PM

To: omhtestimony

Cc: ailaw001@hawaii.rr.com

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William J Aila Jr.	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov

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Cc: jonikamiya@gmail.com

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Joni Kamiya	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: Testimony Submittal <sheilastar67@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 10:05 PM

To: omhtestimony

Subject: HB606 in SUPPORT: OMH Committee 2.11.15, 8:30 am



Name:	Sheila Hanney
E-mail: sheilastar67@gmail.com	
Island or City	Somerset
State	uk
My message to the Committee:	Aloha Chair Ing and OMH Committee Members,
	I support a permanent ban on the aquarium trade in Hawaii, rather than a temporary moratorium.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov

Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 10:00 PM

To: omhtestimony

Cc: mcmkama@yahoo.com

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Maria Kama	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cc: wekeis333@gmail.com

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Tony Sylvester	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cc: marck@hawaii.edu

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Marc Kawamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: shyla.moon@ymail.com

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shyla Moon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly oppose something ridiculous as shutting down aquarium fish collecting entirely for 10 years! Outrageous and rude to hawaii's businesses. Shame on who ever thinks this will solve the problem if there is one. Again bills introduced too fast for a more deep factual comment. Aloha

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Cc: kawamotok008@hawaii.rr.com

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Kurt Kawamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly oppose.

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To: omhtestimony

Cc: pbasabe@hawaii.rr.com

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TYSON KUAHUIA	Individual	Oppose	No

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ISSAC KAHELE	Individual	Oppose	No

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EMMALYN GASPAR	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: pbasabe@hawaii.rr.com

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Pete Basabe	Individual	Oppose	No

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yvonne Ke	Individual	Oppose	No

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To: omhtestimony

Cc: nathanabe@yahoo.com

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Nathan Abe	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cc: pbasabe@hawaii.rr.com

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Anacita Taetuna	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: omhtestimony Cc: zr2994@yahoo.com

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
John S. Rabi	Individual	Oppose	No	

Comments: Don't waste your time on bills like this!

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From: Anna Kelly on behalf of Rep. Nicole Lowen Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 4:27 PM

To: omhtestimony

Subject: Re HB511, 606, 873 & 883

Attachments: Support for HB511.docx; Opposition to HB 606.docx; Opposition to HB 873.docx;

Opposition to HB883.docx

-----Original Message-----

From: David [mailto:davidalderton66@excite.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 4:01 PM

To: davidalderton66@excite.com

Subject: *****SPAM***** Re HB511, 606, 873 & 883



Dear Committee Member,

Please find some comments from an outsider's perspective on these proposed bills.

Thanking you, David Alderton

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 3:39 PM

To: omhtestimony

Cc: ckopczak@cscmail.org

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Attachments: California Science Center letter - HB 606 2015-02-10.docx



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chuck Kopczak	California Science Center Foundation	Oppose	No

Comments:

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From: Grace Fung (A Big Wow) < Grace.Fung@ABigWow.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 9:34 AM

To: omhtestimony

Subject: I SUPPORT Bill HB606

Testimony from Grace Fung

email address: grace.fung@abigwow.com

Island or City: Maui

I Support HB606 to close the aquarium trade for 10 years with an amendement to close it FOREVER! There is no money benefiting our Hawai'i, the community who lives and works here 360 days.

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Grace

from County of Maui

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 606, to be heard by the House Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs Committee of the Hawaii Legislature. In brief,

I would like to take the opportunity to make the following comments on HB606:

- 1. There is no justifiable case for a 10 year moratorium, in view of the regular on-going monitoring of the West Hawai'i Regional Fishery Management Area, as reflected in the findings of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, combined with the Aquarium White List.
- 2. The DNLR recognises that Hawaii's fish population has increased with current management practices in place over the past 15 years.
- 3. The implications of a moratorium would extent well beyond the aquarium fish industry, but would affect tourism as well. Many fish keepers from Europe and elsewhere choose to visit Hawaii to see and appreciate the environment where their aquarium occupants originate from; clearly, with a moratorium in place, this emotional link would be lost, and European travellers would be more likely to visit the Caribbean or Indian Ocean islands where reef fish can still be seen, but these locations are easier to reach, and less costly in most cases too.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this submission.

David Alderton

davidalderton66@excite.com

